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A true campus busybody
AROUND CAMPUS:

Senior Kim Jones keeps busy with school, work, clubs, and social events...page 8

SYMPOSIUM



Former United States Sen. Paul Simon opened Missouri Southern's Harry and Berniece Gockel International Symposium as the first featured speaker Monday night. Simon said he thinks the United States should stand up for freedom and human rights in Hong Kong.

the Harry and Berniece Gockel International SYMPOSIUM

See what the four speakers had to say concerning Hong Kong and China...pages 6-7

Richard Baum
Professor of political science at the University of California-LA

Leslie Gelb
President of the Council on Foreign Relations since 1993.

Richard Haass
Director of Foreign Policy Studies, Brookings Institute

Paul Simon
Former United States senator from Illinois, Democrat

Event 'better than watching TV'

By J.L. GRIFFIN
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Missouri Southern had to take only one route to find moderators for the Harry and Berniece Gockel International Symposium — 1-70.

Jon Sawyer, Washington bureau chief of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, and Rich Hood, vice president and editor of The Kansas City Star's editorial page, took on the duties.

Sawyer moderated discussion between former Sen. Paul Simon (D-Illinois) and Leslie Gelb, president of the Council on Foreign Relations, on Monday night. On Tuesday night, Hood sat between Dr. Richard Baum, professor of political science at the University of California-Los Angeles, and Dr. Richard Haass, director of foreign policy studies at the Brookings Institute.

The symposium, titled "Hong Kong in Transition: The Transfer of Sovereignty to China," featured the four speakers and two moderators who held a wealth of knowledge about the subject.

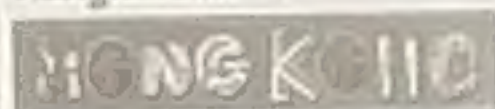
Richard Massa, director of the institute of international studies, said several people were asking him

to bring back Haass to speak as he made his way from the back of Webster Hall auditorium to the stage.

"I am completely relieved that it's over with," Massa said the day after.

Monday night's program captured a more community-based crowd, whereas Tuesday's audience featured more students.

Assignment:



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Hong Kong's future
April 17:
Gockel Symposium
April 24:
The China Semester
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The Chart's voyage

Haass, it was Baum's speech which impressed Massa.

"I appreciated, very much, Professor Baum's critique of the situation," Massa said.

Another international symposium is expected next year. □

SPIVA LIBRARY

Internet usage under scrutiny

Recent complaints spark controversy

By STEPHANIE GOAD
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

In light of some recent complaints about offensive material being viewed over the Internet, Missouri Southern is seeking to adopt a policy to minimize the misuse of the World Wide Web.

"We don't have a policy," said Steve Earney, assistant vice president for information services. "But we are working on one right now."

Earney said the accessibility to pornography on the Internet has become a concern.

"We've had some complaints about people looking at pornography in the computer labs and the library, and some people find that offensive."

Ed Wuch, audio-visual and government documents librarian in Spiva Library, said there have been two incidents in the library where the viewing of pornography offended other library patrons.

"We actually had a girl get up and leave the library," Wuch said. "She brought it to the attention of her adviser, who called [Charles]

What's the problem?



Some concerns have been raised to the administration about the accessibility to pornography to Internet users in computer labs at Missouri Southern.

Kemp (head librarian). The student worker (who was on duty at the time of the incident) didn't know how to handle the situation."

Wuch said the library staff tries to keep a keen eye on Internet usage.

"In the library, we tell them (the students) that the computers are only for academic purposes," he said. But, Wuch said, it is often difficult to determine whether a student is using the Internet for

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BUDGET COMMITTEE

Legislature may funnel funds to Spiva Library

By TAMMY SPICER
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. —

There is still a glimmer of hope for the proposed addition to Missouri Southern's Spiva Library.

In an informal straw vote last week, the House budget committee voted in favor of cutting \$73 million from the prison budget and funneling it to higher education, said Rep. Sheila Lumpe (D-University City) committee chairperson.

"I think each legislator on the committee has been thinking about this issue since the governor mentioned it in his state of the

state address," Lumpe said. "Everyone's been looking at the information and alternatives."

In the area of capital improvements, Southern requested \$17,327,640, the Coordinating Board for Higher Education (CBHE) recommended the College receive \$6,555,000, and the governor recommend no capital improvement funding.

One of the main reasons for the lack of funding in higher education is the governor's recommendation to build two new prisons, at a cost of \$73 million, and expand two others.

"We clearly think we have to

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STUDENT LIFE BEAT

Skatepark to offer new music venue

By SCOTT FRANCIS
STAFF WRITER

Student Life Beat



These special feature stories are designed specifically for you—the student. If you have story suggestions please call 625-9311.

Missouri Southern students soon may have an expanded opportunity to take in more concerts locally as well as some other high-flying entertainment.

Nathan Bemo, 22, owner/operator of Bemo's Barnside Skatepark, has been bringing in local bands for concerts and skating contests for the past six months. Bemo is a junior business major at Southern.

"We just have a lot of skaters and people who like to watch get together the second Saturday of every month," he said. "We also invite a few different bands and some semi-pro skaters from places like Kansas City and

Springfield to put on exhibitions."

Just last week, Bemo hired Roger Hannifin to manage the musical aspect of the monthly shows.

"I'm just a skater at heart, and the shows are starting to get too popular to handle all by myself anymore," Bemo said.

Hannifin, 26, works for Reality Impaired, a local record label and booking agency.

"Since I just took over booking bands for Nathan, we're not real sure who all's going to be playing, but we have some definite ideas about bands we'd like to hear in the next few months," Hannifin said. "Last Saturday's show went over extremely well, in spite of the record-cold temperatures. The

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DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chart

With his attention glued to keeping the beat, Robb Leptad, a Joplin resident and drummer for the band U.S.M.C., plays during a gig at Joplin's Schifferdecker Park. The band also plans to perform at Skatepark.

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SECURITY
REPORT

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4/10/97

BLAINE HALL

10 p.m.

Scott Anglin, freshman biology major, reported his room was broken into while he was out. Upon returning, his room was found in disarray and \$100 was missing from his shelf. After further checking he stated there was nothing else missing that he could tell at this time. His room was not locked when he left. No suspects at this time.
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4/10/97

BLAINE HALL

6:30 p.m.

Security was contacted by maintenance in reference to a window being broken. Security contacted Ron Mitchell, men's residence hall director, who advised the subjects stated someone had thrown a rock from outside.

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'Chart' takes Region 7 title

For the third year in a row, *The Chart* has been named the Best All-Around Non-Daily Student Newspaper in the Society of Professional Journalists' regional Mark of Excellence competition.

The Chart competed in SPJ's Region 7, consisting of colleges in Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, and Nebraska. Truman State University finished second, and Southeast Missouri State University was third. First-place winners from each of the nation's 12 regions will compete for the national Mark of Excellence award at SPJ's national convention in Denver in October. *The Chart* was named the nation's Best All-Around Non-Daily Student Newspaper by SPJ in 1996.

"It's nice that we will be given the chance to defend our national award," said Rick Rogers, editor-in-chief of *The Chart*. "We first had to win the regional award again to even be eligible for the national title."

Missouri Southern won a second-place award in the SPJ Region 7 competition for best television newscast. Three episodes of "KGCS Reports" produced by Ward Bryant's Advanced Broadcast News Reporting class were submitted for the competition.

INTERNET: Earney provides Tiede with sample policies

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educational purposes. "The Internet was created as a freedom of expression," he said. "You have the opportunity to access many things. It is very touchy, so we try to use 'kid gloves' and try not to offend anyone."

Because of these incidents, College officials believe adopting an Internet policy to govern student usage would be a wise move.

Earney said he provided Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president, with sample policies from other colleges and universities.

"We will be researching those policies and deciding what would be appropriate for ours," Earney said.

Tiede said the policy is still in its infancy, so it is too premature to say what provisions the policy will entail. "The library committee asked us to consider a policy," he said. "I have to do some more research on it and forward it to the College attorney, so it may take awhile, but we hope to have it in place for the fall."

Wuch said when the Internet was created, some potential problems were not identified.

"Now it has gotten out of hand," he said.

SKATEPARK: Shows attract variety of music artists

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skaters and the bands just wore more clothes."

In the past several months, Bemo's shows have attracted such bands as Big Bad Chubba, Satan's Ice Cream Truck, USMC, Initial Delonation, and others.

"We'd like to see some bands from farther away and some bigger names, too," Hannifin said. "The kind of bands you'd normally pay \$10 or \$15 to hear in Kansas City or Tulsa, we might be able to persuade to play here for a lot less."

Reality Impaired did many of the bookings for bands that played at The Grind last year, and Hannifin is looking forward to an increasing number of shows when summer arrives.

"I'd definitely like to see more shows, maybe three a month, depending on what Nathan has time to organize," he said.

Bemo has a new indoor skating course in the works, focusing a little more on rollerblading. It will be set up in an urban-style obstacle course.

"It'll be a lot different from the skatepark, which is all ramps for freestyle stuff and geared more toward skateboards," Bemo said. "If the new indoor course goes through, it'll be more of a level, street-style course, which would be more like what you'd find in an urban setting."

Spring Fling Talent Show
Wednesday, April 30
Webster Hall Auditorium
6:00 p.m.

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SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Instructors take on departmental woes

By GINNY DUMOND
CAMPUS EDITOR

Innovation in dealing with departmental difficulties has led to travel and acclaim for two Missouri Southern school of business instructors.

Dr. Mark Comstock and Dr. T.A. Vernon, both assistant professors of business, traveled to Sheffield, England, to participate in an April 2-3 international conference on quality and service. The two became interested in the conference as a result of a retreat they had planned for members of the school of business earlier this year.

"We had some challenges ahead of us in the department," Comstock said, "so we met with the dean to come up with a way to deal with these issues."

The result of that meeting was the decision to hold the retreat.

"The retreat was extremely success-



Dr. Mark Comstock (left), and Dr. T.A. Vernon review their presentation notes.

ful," Comstock said. "We came up with a way to approach problems and challenges we hadn't seen before."

Because of the retreat's success, Vernon and Comstock decided to write a paper explaining the intentions and outcomes of the retreat. When they saw that the conference on quality and service was being held, they believed it would be a good place to

present their paper, Comstock said.

After the paper had been selected for presentation at the conference, Vernon and Comstock made arrangements for the presentation.

"I thought it was interesting that we had so many people from the public sector attend," Vernon said.

Examples of public sector occupations represented include members of

the medical, governmental, and academic fields. The presentation, which took place at Sheffield-Hallam University, was beneficial to the international schools, according to Vernon.

"Many of those schools are just beginning to make credits transferable," he said. "Using quality principles is common in both systems."

"People there were very interested in the way we addressed problems in the service sections," Comstock said, "and this is the first time our school has been involved in this sort of thing regarding academics."

Comstock said the people attending the conference were impressed by and interested in the paper.

"They really liked it and even talked about possibly visiting the College sometime," he said. "We made some good contacts; it was really rewarding."

Vernon says the way everything came together for the two is interesting.

"It just happened that we had recently gone through a planning process that was innovative for the school of business and hoped it would be for others," he said. □

SOUTHERN NEWS BRIEFS

Winning pianist returns for encore performance

With the 1996 Missouri Southern International Piano Competition grand prize winner title securely pocketed, Natasha Kislenco returns to the College under a little less duress.

After appearing at Carnegie Hall, as part of her prize, Kislenco performs at 8 p.m. Friday in Webster Hall auditorium.

Kislenco's performance at the Weill Recital Hall in New York City's Carnegie Hall was held Oct. 8, 1996.

The Russian-born Kislenco was one of 19 pianists who took part in the 1996 piano competition on the Southern campus.

Tickets for the encore performance are \$10 for general admission, \$5 for students or senior citizens, and \$50 for patrons. Patrons will be invited to a cocktail buffet before the recital and an artist's reception afterwards and will receive preferred seating at the performance.

Radio station 88.7KXMS, Joplin's Fine Arts Station, will broadcast the program live. Jeff Skibbe, director of KXMS, will be host of the program.

The next MSIPC will be in the spring of 1998. The staff is hurriedly preparing more than 11,000 packets to mail to music teachers, schools, students, national embassies, and to all representatives of the United Nations, said MSIPC director Vivian Leon.

MSIPC is funded entirely by donations, corporate sponsors, and grants. □

Continuing education offers trip to Middle East

Anyone interested in the mysteries of ancient Egypt are invited to take part in the continuing education office's "Egyptian Antiquities Tour."

The tour will take place from June 1-8.

The package will include visits to pyramids, the sphinx, Saqqara and the Funery Complex of Zoser, Old Cairo, The Egyptian and Coptic Museums, Kham El Khaili (the world's oldest bazaar), and the Pharonic Village where performers re-create daily activities of their ancient ancestors.

Other activities will include visits to the ancient capital of the New Kingdom, the Valley of the Kings and Queens, and the temples of Karnak and Luxor.

The tour also will include pre- and post-class meetings on the historical geography of the Nile basin.

Cost of the tour is \$2,450 for single occupancy and \$2,250 for double occupancy from Kansas City to Cairo or \$2,200 for single occupancy and \$2,000 for double occupancy from New York to Cairo. A non-refundable deposit of \$250 per person is necessary to hold a reservation. Full payment is due by 5 p.m. on Friday, April 24.

For additional information, people should contact Dr. Jerry Williams at the continuing education office at (417) 625-9368. □

Honor group inducts 100 new members into fold

Nearly 100 students were inducted recently into the Missouri Southern chapter of Phi Eta Sigma.

Phi Eta Sigma is a national scholastic honor society for college freshmen.

To be eligible a student must be enrolled full time and have a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher in either semester of the student's freshman year.

Maranatha Covert, a junior nursing major from Carl Junction, was presented a \$400 scholarship sponsored by the local chapter. □

STUDENT SENATE

Student Senate FINANCES

CURRENT BALANCE: \$0

APRIL 16 REQUEST

■ ODK —

Request: \$340
Received: \$300

■ Economics & Finance —

Request: \$477
Received: \$323

Missouri Southern's Student Senate allows clubs and organizations made up of students to request up to \$1,000 to pay for group expenses.

J.L. GRIFFIN/The Chart

Groups grab last of funds

By MICHELLE CONTY
ASSISTANT ARTS ETC. EDITOR

Missouri Southern's Student Senate suspended the rules twice Wednesday night in order to grant two clubs reimbursements for trips they had already taken.

Campus organizations returned \$623 in unused funds to the Senate. These funds were then used to reimburse organizations that did not receive funding for their trips due to the Senate running out of money.

Southern's chapter of Omicron Delta Kappa co-sponsored the Leadership on Target National Leadership Conference in Kansas City, Mo., April 4-5. The group requested \$477 in funding for the Province XI Conference. Senate treasurer Josh Phillips motioned to reimburse \$300 to the club.

ODK was represented by Lisa Ross, senior psychology major.

Ross said members attended breakout sessions on topics such as motivation, Robert's Rules of Order, listening and communication skills, and integrating cultural diversity.

The Economics and Finance Club was also granted a reimbursement. The group requested \$477 in order to take its annual trip to the Kansas City Board of Trade and Kansas City Federal Reserve Bank.

Tim Hansen, senior economics and finance major, represented the organization.

"Two weeks ago we took our annual trip to Kansas City; we went to the Kansas City Board of Trade and the Federal Reserve Bank where they clear checks. This gives students the opportunity to see if this is a business they would like to be involved in," he said.

The annual casino night will be held from 7 p.m. to midnight May 1 at the Student Life Center. Admission is \$5 and open to the public.

"The proceeds go to the United Way," said Eden Aber, Senate vice president. "There will be a live DJ, Howie Baby and Red Zone Entertainment from KSYN 92.5." □

STRATEGIC ISSUES COMMITTEE

Panel tries to pinpoint College's future

Southern's new task force delves into many subjects

By DEBORAH SOLOMON
MANAGING EDITOR

Looking toward Missouri Southern's future is what one committee has been doing since September.

The strategic issues committee, headed by Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president, was established last fall to determine six to 11 main issues that will drive what Missouri Southern does in the next few years, Tiede said.

College President Julio Leon said the idea for the committee has been around for quite awhile, but Southern had to play a "waiting game" before the committee could be put into action.

"We have wanted to do this since the late 1980s," Leon said. "For the last few years, though, Missouri Southern has had to play a

waiting game simply because there were projected changes statewide."

"This committee was formed to help formulate a vision for the future of the College as we go into the 21st century," said Dr. Erik Bitterbaum, vice president for academic affairs and a member of the committee.

The first step the committee took was to perform an environmental scan looking at the College's external, internal, and market factors in order to define how Southern should operate for the next four or five years.

"The first effort was on the external factors," Tiede said. "We appointed four subcommittees to investigate four different broad areas."

Those areas were technology, social issues, political and economic issues, and demographics. The next item on the agenda focused on internal factors such as academic and sports programs.

The market factors that were reviewed were students, parents, and employers.

"We took all of that and meshed it together and came up with about 40 issues that have

flowed from all of the discussions," Tiede said. "We narrowed those down and came up with six major issues."

Tiede said the next step would be to gather all information collected by the committee and compile it into a report, which will be sent out to all faculty and staff.

"There is a need for us to analyze how we can use our strengths and how we can address our weaknesses to be in a better position to help our students become more competitive," Leon said. "That is the reason for the strategic issues committee and the need for strategic planning."

Although the committee has accomplished the bulk of its mission, Tiede said he would like to see the committee remain intact.

"Strategic planning is more flexible than long-range planning," he said. "To me, it is hard to hammer out a plan and say this is where we are going to be in 10 years."

"So many things can change; that is why I think we do need to look at the plan every year." □

BACTERIAL MENINGITIS

Disease claims life, precipitates foundation

By STEPHANIE GOAD
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Witnessing the birth of a second child was an exuberant occasion; he had all the plans and all the dreams for his newborn son, but for William (Ben) Jackson, those short-lived dreams turned into a parent's worst nightmare.

Weighing in at seven pounds, 20 ounces, and astoundingly healthy, Corey Cordell Jackson's 7-month-old life would soon be claimed by bacterial meningitis.

The disease is an inflammation of the brain and spinal cord. It is a rapidly progressing disease that usually occurs in children; however, adults are not immune. Doctors chalked the baby's illness up to gastritis and sent him home with nothing more than a Motrin prescription and reassurance that he would be fine in a couple of days. That reassurance, however, was built on rocky terrain. What the Jacksons did not count on was that in a couple of days their Corey would be dead.

Corey died July 22, 1994, and it took a great while for his family to move past the shock.

Coping, Jackson said, was an arduous process, which not only took an emotional toll, but a traumatic depletion of mentality as well.

"My family and I moved away to grieve," he said. "We just didn't feel we could do that there because no one wanted to talk about it."

Pat Jackson, Ben's sister, said she wished Corey's family would have remained in Joplin.

"We have a big family here, and we all could have dealt with it better if they would have stayed," she said.

Pat said Corey's death was especially hard on her daughter, LaTyra, who was 9 at the time.

"We have a lot of kids in our family, and they (the older children) adopt the younger ones, and Corey was hers," she said. "It took a whole year (after Corey died) to get her back on track."

Now that time has waxed over the grieving process, Corey's parents have embarked on a mission. With hopes of raising public awareness of meningitis, the Jacksons have established the Corey C. Jackson Foundation in honor of their late son.

Symptoms of Bacterial Meningitis

- Sensitivity to light
- High fever
- Stiff neck
- Mental status change
- Projectile vomiting
- Loss of appetite
- Severe headache
- Body ache complaints

Information provided by the Corey C. Jackson Foundation



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He and his wife, Pamela, both former students of Missouri Southern, are currently living in New Orleans, where they lived prior to coming to Joplin in 1992.

They have two other children — Keisha, 15, and Darius, 6 — and Pamela is expecting another child.

Jackson said his family's dreams diminished with Corey's death.

"God put us here to protect, provide for, and guide our children," he said. Then he paused. "I had already started the dreams — when he died, those dreams died."

Despite the aftermath of Corey's death, Jackson made an attempt to resume his education, which only refreshed the pain.

"Six weeks after he died I tried to take a respiratory course at Franklin Tech," he said. "I had a mental block about halfway through because there were things I didn't understand at the time he was in the hospital. Everything started coming to light in class; I lost my memory (as a result)."

He said Corey's sickness set in so suddenly, and failing to promptly pinpoint the problem consumed too much valuable time.

"On Sunday he was happy and playing, Monday he had a low-grade temperature, and on Tuesday, his body was on fire with a temperature of 103," Jackson said. "We took him to the pediatrician, she spent five minutes with him, running no blood test or UA (urinalysis). She said it was gastritis, that he would be miserable for two or three days, but he would be fine."

"By 4 a.m. on Wednesday he went into respira-

tory arrest in my arms," he said with a sob in his voice. "He was stiff as a board."

Jackson said Corey was transported to Springfield where a spinal tap was performed to determine the ailment.

"During all that time, every minute made a big difference in whether he would live or die," he said.

Jackson said he doesn't believe his son received the best care available.

"I asked God to forgive and take out all of the animosity in my heart," he said. "Now I want parents to know the signs and symptoms of this disease so they can impress upon the medical community to do what they are supposed to do."

Jackson said he is trying to secure grants to support the Foundation in its efforts to educate society on the disease. He has asked area churches to donate \$1 per member to help defray the cost of producing a televised public service announcement on bacterial meningitis.

The PSA, Jackson said, will be previewed at a July 11 black-tie fund-raiser at the Joplin Holiday Inn.

"I would also like to find and identify a professional counselor to organize a support group for people who have survived meningitis, or those who have lost a child to the disease," he said. "I want to get MSSC to support what we're doing as much as possible."

Referring to the generosity of Southern's faculty and staff after Corey's death, Jackson said he is asking for that same generosity for this cause.

"People offered me help, said we had only to ask," he said. "Well, now I'm standing up and asking."

Although the pain of losing a child never fully goes away, through the establishment of the Foundation, the Jacksons are able to utilize their pain to keep Corey's memory alive. Children usually have a hard time understanding the concept of death, but Jackson said his other son, Darius, seemed to comfort him shortly after Corey died, as if he understood.

"I was in a daze, and Darius jumped up into my arms and hugged me. He said, 'I saw Corey last night.' I said, 'Really, what was he doing?' And Darius said, 'He was sitting in Jesus' lap, hitting him with his Binky.'" □

EDITOR'S COLUMN

Inner struggle prompts letter to loved one

Perhaps the most difficult part of life is learning to deal with the pain of loss.

The balance of logic and emotion often seems elusive. This struggle is most evident when suffering from inner pain. Psychologists suggest one way of sorting through these feelings is to write them down. Seeing them on paper makes it easier for us to separate and balance our thoughts.

While having my own inner struggle, a friend suggested I try this technique. After I began writing this, I realized I wasn't just writing this for myself; this letter was meant for the eyes of another. I only hope she gets it in time.



Nick Parker
Associate Editor

My dearest,
The silence, the emptiness, it has been with me for many months now. For nearly five years I heard your voice almost daily. That voice brought me hope, comfort, and security. Yours was the voice of my friend, confidante, and lover. That portion of my heart which seemed forever filled now stands hollow.

For a while I was able to fill the emptiness with food, television, movies, *The Chart*, and other friends. I was able to bury, temporarily, the mental image of you and all you represented. As if I could buy off the loneliness.

Such has been the story of my life, though. Find a safe place, a sense of security, then when that begins to falter, I move on, I find a new security blanket. If my old baseball coach were nearby, he would compare my life to my pitching — no follow through.

They say we learn and grow from everything in life, even the bad experiences. Sometimes I think the bad experiences are easier to learn from. We've all had to learn to move on and love again when life seems to twist and turn. We have all learned to move on after death, divorce, adoption, betrayal, never-ending family arguments, love, and the loss of love. Somehow, at one point or another, we have all learned to love and love again.

What is difficult, however, is actually to sit down and think of what we learned before things went awry. Remembering the times of joy can often elude us as we look to rationalize our reasons for parting. When they are not dodging us, we are probably pushing the memories to deep recesses of our mind. Simply put, it seems easier to move on when things are totally bad.

As I sit and think back on our time together, the images and memories easily come to my mind's eye. I learned to trust. I learned there was someone out there who would listen as I exposed my soul, my entire being. And that same person could trust me in turn.

I learned to support a friend and lover in all she did. I learned to hug and to cuddle. I learned to love. Not just how to love a woman, but how to love my friends and family.

When first our relationship was gone, I blamed myself, you, and mostly I blamed love.

I have learned now that love does not suck. We must love to grow as people.

Even with all I have learned there is still something missing. The voice is still silent, the hole still empty, the story still incomplete.

All my love,
Nick

OUR EDITORIAL

Unsigned editorials on this page express the opinions of a majority of The Chart editors. Observations elsewhere on the page represent independent viewpoints of columnists, cartoonists, and readers.

Event a huge success

One of the most important events to hit Missouri Southern, Joplin, and this whole region we call the four-state area is now a part of history.

And an illustrious part of history it will be.

The Harry and Berniece Gockel International Symposium went off without any large hitches that would have made College administrators think twice about putting together something as large when the next opportunity arises.

Although this was an exhaustive event to organize, the fluidity and smoothness of the two-day extravaganza should only bolster the preparers' hopes and dreams for the next symposium.

The symposium is just the kind of thing that will capture the attention of people who doubt why an international mission is good for at Southern. What was discussed Monday and Tuesday nights was more important to this area than many give credit for.

This area is in a period of isolation, brought on by a severe lack of diversity. Joplin and its sister towns can no longer afford to sit idly by and watch the world go

past. The small corporations that have settled in the area are making a more global stand. Events like this week's symposium will enable Southern's students to gain a foothold in the understanding of complex geopolitical issues.

As for the power of the symposium, anyone, from any walk of life, could have benefited from any of the two nights' activities.

Finally, it goes beyond a shadow of a doubt that the College is concerned about the look of the institution from an academic standpoint.

The format of the evenings' talks could not have been better sculpted. And the pairings no better matched.

The two days took on a sort of style/substance duality. Monday led off with the style and Tuesday closed up with the substance.

Being able to get a former U.S. senator, a Pulitzer Prize winner, a director of a international think tank, and a highly regarded author to come and discuss the intricacies of the changing world is something to be marveled. □

EDITOR'S COLUMN

Do we just want to pretend the homeless don't exist?

On a trip to Phoenix, I found myself outside a less-than-spectacular grocery store in a less-than-spectacular part of town staring at the vending machines.

I was reaching for change in my pocket when I noticed a figure standing up out of the corner of my eye. As he drew nearer, I realized he was homeless. He had been sleeping on a bench next to the vending machines. It's funny, but I never noticed him when I was approaching the store. If I had, I might have bypassed the soda machine altogether. Maybe it wasn't too late.

"Mister," the man crowed in my ear, "are you headed for Mill Street?" I was trapped. I turned to face him, slamming into a wall of odor permeating from his body. My eyes began to water as I responded.

"No, I'm going in the opposite direction," I said, my voice laced with fraudulent con-

cern. The fact that I had no idea where Mill Street was, let alone if I was heading away from it, was not important. I needed to get this little discussion over with quickly. I had a party to find.

"Can you spot me 65 cents so I can catch the bus?" he slurred back. The Jack Daniels bottle in his hand was nearly empty, and I knew catching a bus was not on this guy's agenda for the evening. I began to explain to him that even though I was buying a soda, I had no change to give him.

He said thanks as politely as I've ever heard and returned to his bench. Was this right? I thought bums were supposed to mug you. Well, I had lost the desire for a soda and began to return to my car.

I was halfway there when I heard his raspy voice again. I turned to see a mother and daughter exiting the grocery store. The homeless guy had already made his request. With mild surprise I saw a look of outrage materialize on the mother's face. The daughter was the first to speak.

"Mommy, he smells funny," she said while holding her hand over her nose. The guy just stood there while the mother responded.

"Get away from me and my daughter!"

Don't you ever talk to us again! If you would get a job, you wouldn't have to beg and make a fool out of yourself." My jaw dropped. But to my amazement, the guy just stood there until she was done, then said thank you and went back to the bench. For the first time, I noticed he was limping.

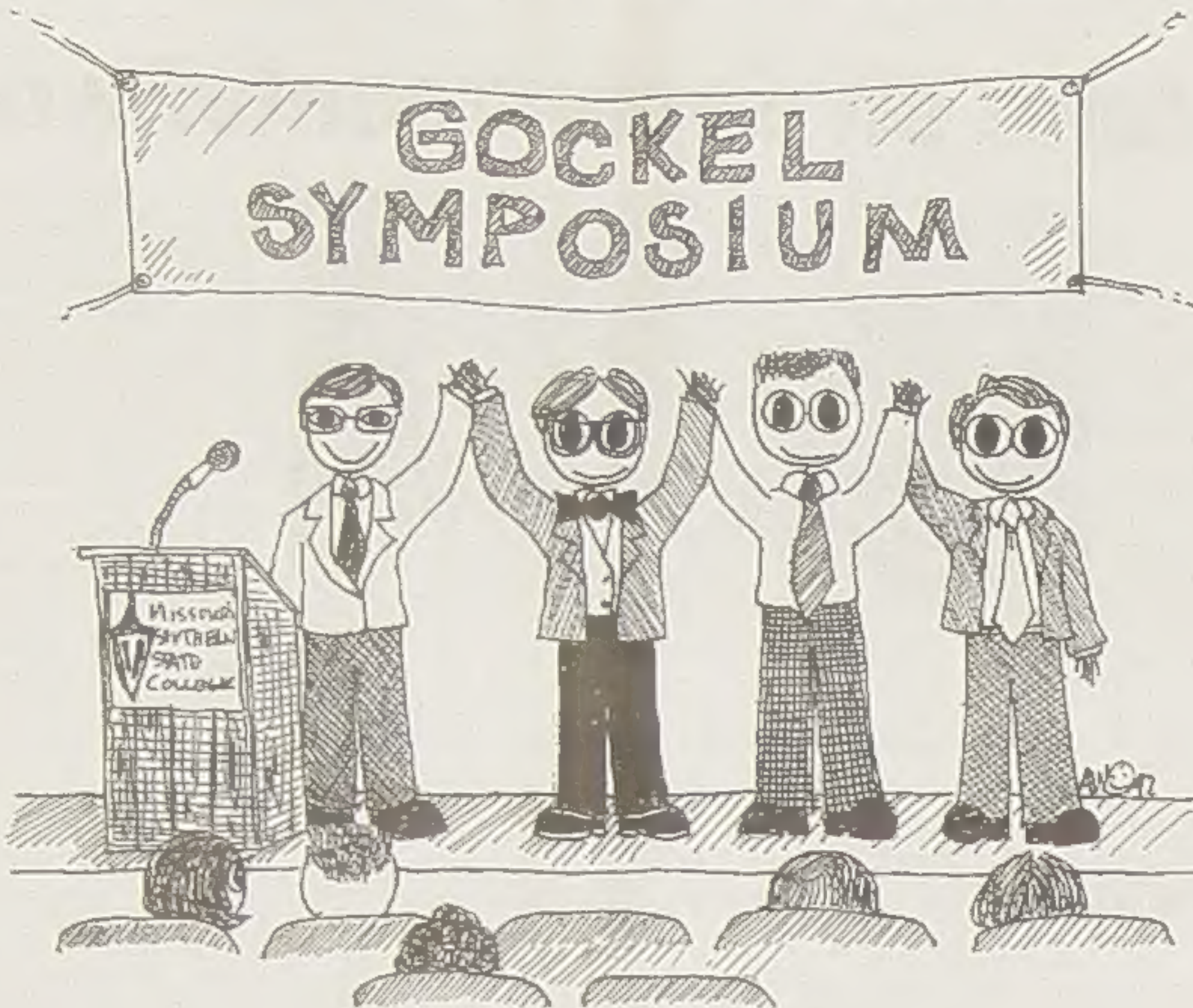
I turned around and headed back toward the store. Passing the woman and child, I detected the air of satisfaction as she explained to her daughter the proper way to deal with the homeless. She had done her good deed for the day.

Why hadn't I noticed him when I arrived at the store? Was I intentionally not noticing him? Does everyone intentionally not notice him, until he commands their attention? Perhaps we just want to pretend the homeless don't exist. Maybe it helps us sleep better at night pretending everyone in the world is just as comfortable as we are.

I walked up to the guy and handed him everything in my pockets. His eyes got bigger as he spit out a surprised "Thank you." As I climbed into my car, I heard his voice yet again. He was waving to me. I knew he wasn't getting on any bus, but that wasn't the point. □



Aaron Deslatte
City News Editor



IN PERSPECTIVE

New views are jamming my circuits

Recent articles in Joplin's other paper have turned me in a circle with praise following criticism, one after the other. These battles jam my circuits with new views and information.

I have, as a result, been forced to recognize the error of my ways. I thank *The Chart* for a rare opportunity to apologize for such gaffes.

I discovered my errancies while reading Professor LaNear's articles and other in that paper. Oped comments, dressed in scholarly regalia replete with data and quotes, revealed new truths.

Factual mistakes plague my courses. I taught that Roger Williams fled Massachusetts



Dr. Robert Markman
Associate professor of history

Bay Colony to avoid prison in England. Until now, I was clueless that he went to Rhode island to escape the public schools. The absence of a voucher system no doubt upset him. And Anne Hutchinson — I said she had been banished from the colony for heresy, but she, too, departed because of the public schools. She must have left because her children weren't tracked through the system. Secular humanists misinformed me.

How could I teach that the schools in that area were church-run and paid for by public taxes? Somehow I missed even the detail that they were public schools. My shame overwhelms me.

My apologies for belonging to NEA for 20 years. How wrong for me to consider that the collective experience of two million college and junior college instructors combined with public school teachers must improve college education. And it turns out NEA is also dangerously large. Mercy. NEA's democratic makeup, which shapes policy and elects organizational representatives, fooled me. How could I have believed that experience was superior in any way?

My flawed thoughts resulted from exaggerating the importance of experience. From one article criticizing John Dewey, I learned the fallacies of experience as a classroom tool. When teachers brought Dewey's ideas to schools, classes took a turn for the worse. So much for experience.

There can be only one conclusion (there could be more, but one is obvious). Rote education is superior. Joaquin Miller's "Columbus" recited by hearin has more merit than students exploring the "Columbian exchange." Does this overstate the case? Have remarks been taken out of context? Sorry.

I look forward to Professor LaNear's next book; I especially need to learn more about *ad hominem* argument. I can't wait to read about the idiosyncrasies of the various chairmen of the Federal Reserve Board; so far they have seemed boring. Their peccadilloes will make great reading under a bed lamp.

Ultimately good judgment will reveal the means to improve the American experiment with public education.

The trappings of faux scholarship or fads based on self-interest or mottoes or political sloganeering dressed up as reform will not yield significant change. Sincere, quasi-serious preachments are not agendas for improvement.

Finally, I apologize to a number of Southern alumni who work for Joplin's other paper. Some were subjected to my misinformation. I can imagine how pleased they were to get this straight — finally. □

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CAREER SERVICES

Education department presents job fair



The education department and career services held an educational job fair for students Tuesday on the third floor of Billingsly Student Center.

By GINNY DUMONO
CAMPUS EDITOR

Career services teamed up with Missouri Southern's education department Tuesday to present a job fair for education majors interested in learning more about regional school districts.

Kristy Amundson, career services coordinator, said representatives from more than 60 districts came to participate in the event.

"There were representatives here from as far away as El Paso, Texas," Amundson said. "But most of them were from Missouri and Kansas."

Along with current education majors, several Southern education department alumni attended the event.

"There were very few education opportunities open last year," said

Shawnda Butler, who graduated from Southern in 1996 with a degree in elementary education. "Maybe four out of 30 area schools had openings."

The large number of alumni at the fair was alarming for Tiffany Hubbard, senior early childhood education major.

"I'm a little intimidated that these people don't have jobs already," she said. "I hope that I will have one in a few years when I graduate."

Hubbard also said she was thankful the College provided this opportunity.

"I think it is good for the people here to make contacts," she said.

Stan Wilkins, assistant superintendent for the Labette County, Kan., school district, said his school system has been sending a representative to the fair for several years.

"We have several teachers on staff

"I think it is good for the people here to make contacts."

Tiffany Hubbard
Education major

from Southern," Wilkins said.

He says the reason for interest in Southern graduates stems from the quality of education they receive.

"We've been very pleased with Southern students in the past," he said. "The school offers an excellent education program, and this is obvious in the graduates."

The career services office provides job placement assistance to many current or former Southern students from a variety of majors. □

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

Students to study aspects of film

By STEPHANIE WARD
EDUCATION EDITOR

Students interested in viewing and studying films can enroll in Introduction to Film Study (English 160) for the fall semester.

"We think students need the opportunity to become familiar with how films work and how films 'speak' to us," said Dr. William Kumbier, associate professor of English. "The moving image is a really predominant, prevailing force in our culture that students, I think, need the opportunity to get closer to analyze and be familiar with."

"Some of the tools we use to analyze and understand literature also apply very well to film," Kumbier said. An example of this analysis, he said,

would be the film versions of Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*. He said the scene in which Romeo first sees Juliet could be compared with the film versions from the 1930s, the 1960s, and the 1996 version.

"People who take the course should be ready for a different kind of film," he said.

In addition to some recent films, Kumbier said he plans to show some classics, along with foreign films (with subtitles) as well.

Some of the filmmakers who will be studied include Hitchcock, Truffaut, Fellini, Kurosawa, Penn, Lucas, Campion, and Welles.

"All of the films will be on video," Kumbier said. "The good thing about video, which you can't do with film...you can go backwards, for-

wards, you can watch a part over and over 10 times if you want, which is really good for the analysis part."

Students in the class will be required to "buy movie tickets" and view three movies in a theater. They will then give short reviews about the movies. The class is offered from 11 to 11:50 a.m. on Mondays and Fridays, with an 11 a.m. to 12:50 p.m. "lab" on Wednesdays. This 110-minute class will allow time to view a movie in class. Kumbier said he will try to schedule time on Mondays or Tuesdays for those who cannot make the class on Wednesdays to view the film.

"It's not a course for people to know how to make films. It's a course in understanding films," he said. □



Dr. William Kumbier, associate professor of English, reviews a movie in preparation for a class he will teach on film study next semester.

HIGHER
EDUCATION
BRIEFSGen. Powell to visit
Missouri Western in fall

Missouri Western State College will welcome Gen. Colin Powell to campus next fall for the 1997 Convocation on Critical Issues. The convocation will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 30 at the MWSC Fieldhouse.

Powell's history with Missouri Western dates back to 1995 when he was scheduled to appear on campus. However, due to the speculation surrounding his possible candidacy for the presidency, Powell canceled his appearance at Missouri Western.

"Recently, Gen. Powell expressed interest in rescheduling his visit to Missouri Western," said Dr. Janet Murphy, MWSC president. "Since his decision to not enter the presidential race, Gen. Powell has continued to be an active voice in addressing some of the most critical issues facing our country. We are honored to have him as our convocation speaker."

In addition to the program on Oct. 30, Powell will appear at a dinner on Wednesday, Oct. 29 at the Ramada Inn. □

SEMO approves increase
in tuition for Fall 1997

The Southeast Missouri State University Board of Regents has approved a new incidental fee schedule to take effect with the fall semester.

The Board approved a \$3 per credit hour increase in incidental fees for resident undergraduate and graduate students. Based on the new rates, incidental fees for Missouri resident undergraduates will be \$93.30 per credit hour. Missouri resident graduate students will be \$99.30 per credit hour.

In addition, the regents approved a \$1 per hour increase in the general (designated) student fee for all students. Based on these new rates, the total required fees per credit hour will be \$100 for resident undergraduates and \$106 for resident graduate students.

Dr. Ken Dobbins, Southeast's executive vice president, said the \$3 per credit hour increase is in line with the 2.9 percent inflation rate for 1996.

"Last year, Student Government unanimously passed a resolution recommending that incidental fees not be increased by more than the rate of inflation," Dobbins said. "The budget review committee believed that a recommended increase slightly above the inflation rate to fund strategic initiatives which are not contained within the university's current operating budget or in the mission enhancement initiatives was appropriate."

The \$1 general fee increase approved by the Board will be used to begin athletic field improvements and pay for part of conceptual design studies for expanding the Student Recreation Center. □

SPIVA: Governor lobbies for prisons

From page 1

build two prisons," said Chris Sifford, the governor's spokesperson. "It is not about any other issue than public safety. We need to keep violent criminals off the street."

Since the informal vote was held, the governor's office has mounted an intense lobbying campaign to keep the two new prisons in the budget, according to Sifford.

When the CBHE gave higher education capital improvement recommendations to the governor, Southern's highest ranked project was the Spiva Library addition and renovation at \$5.85 million.

The project falls seventh in priority for all higher education requests.

The first six projects total \$74,480,125, which means if all projects were fully funded it would leave Southern just shy of receiving any funding, according to Rep. Gary Burton (R-Joplin).

"If we were to have the extra money," Lumpe said, "we would try to discern what is the minimal

amount to get each project started. I don't think we would just fully fund the projects in order of recommendation."

When the informal straw vote was held, it was about two to one in favor of building just one prison. But that ratio will likely change with the increased pressure from the governor's office.

Some of the supporters of building two prisons are thinking of them as an engine for economic development, Lumpe said.

"We think there is a very good chance of our efforts being successful," Sifford said. "We have a lot of hard work and lobbying ahead."

The final budget must be approved the Friday before session adjourns on May 16.

"I call this the 'What if,' Burton said. "What if we only build one prison."

"What if we free up \$73 million. What if we don't fully fund all the projects ahead of Southern. There is still an outside chance Southern could get some funding. But I'm not holding my breath." □

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MISSOURI CONSTITUTION TEST

For students who need to take the test on the Missouri Constitution, please observe the following schedule.

Lecture

Tuesday, April 22, 1997 - 12:20 p.m. - WH 210

Test

Tuesday, April 29, 1997 - 12:20 p.m. - WH 210

All out-of-state students who plan to graduate in May, 1997, July, 1997 or December 1997 who have not taken U.S. Gov't. or State and Local Gov't. in a Missouri College should see Pat Martin, Room H-318 on or before April 17 to sign up to take the test.

Please note: Students taking this test must pay a \$5.00 fee to the Business Office H-210 prior to taking the test; and present your receipt to the instructor when you go to the test room.

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Rotary Foundation hires
CMSU planning director

Dr. Duane Sterling, director of planning and policy at Central Missouri State University, has accepted a position as general manager of the Rotary Foundation in Evanston, Ill.

Sterling, who will leave CMSU on June 30, came to the university in 1965 as an assistant professor. He has served as CMSU's planning officer for 17 years.

In 1993, Sterling was awarded the Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service. His 25-year involvement with the organization led to his hiring, Rotary officials said.

"This is a tremendous opportunity for him in that it is rare that someone can turn an avocation into a vocation," said CMSU President Ed Elliott.

Carole Nimmer, senior planning associate, will take over a majority of Sterling's duties. □

the Harry and Berniece Gockel International SYMPOSIUM

Gockels helped fund international forum

Harry and Berniece Gockel were among the most beloved members of the Missouri Southern family. As a faculty member, Harry Gockel's career spanned the history of the College itself; he came to Joplin Junior College in 1939.

Through the years, he was an integral part of the evolution of the institution into a four-year college and served as the first chair of the new social science division of the College.

He retired in 1972, but continued to visit the campus, keeping in touch with colleagues and students.

Harry taught history, economics, and geography courses, challenging his students with high standards and strict discipline.

New students were easily frightened by him, but acquaintance revealed a kind, generous man with a grand sense of humor. He is remembered among alumni as a truly great teacher.

Harry's teaching of geography was enhanced by his many travels with his wife, Berniece, a teacher in the elementary grades. Together they traveled all over the world. Almost every summer, they were trekking to another continent, including a 58-day world tour in 1964. On Berniece's death, the last will and testament of the Gockels included a bequest "to establish and fund a symposium or conference (which) shall, to the extent possible, discuss international affairs, governments, and politics, including issues of historical, economic, geo-political, social, or current affairs."



Simon pushes importance of human rights

By RICK ROGERS
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Paul Simon has an uncanny passion for freedom and the protection of human rights concerning the political and cultural futures of Hong Kong.

The former U.S. senator's expressions toward the topics of human rights and the transfer of sovereignty of Hong Kong to China were made quite evident during the opening debates of Missouri Southern's Harry and Berniece Gockel International Symposium Monday night in Webster Hall auditorium.

The two-day symposium, "Hong Kong in Transition: The Transfer of Sovereignty to China," featured a panel of four speakers discussing the implications of Hong Kong's transfer back to China and future relations between China, Hong Kong, and other world powers.

Simon, who served 12 years in the U.S. Senate as a Democrat from Illinois, retired from his seat in January after choosing not to seek re-election. Simon, 68, also ran in the 1988 presidential election. He is currently teaching at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale.

Because of Southern's focus toward international education, Simon said he was impressed to see a small, state institution recognizing the importance of world affairs.

"If more campuses had this kind of international focus, then the United States would not be the 21st country among all the nations in the world in income," he said. "The one thing we should be better in as a nation is the study of foreign languages. We are the only nation on the earth where students can go through grade school, high school, and receive a college degree and not learn a foreign language."

Simon said many Americans are not paying attention to what is taking place in the rest of the world.

"There has to be a higher sense of responsibility as far as public officials and the media to inform," he said.

But the protection of human rights concerning the people of Hong Kong after July 1 was the primary focus on Simon's platform.

Simon said the United States' Hong Kong Human Rights Policy Act of 1992 broke the surface for America's stand for the continuation of democracy in Hong Kong.

"But I have not heard a whisper lately on the behalf of freedom," he said. "Freedom to the people of Hong Kong are their civil liberties. To look at the Hong Kong thing, I think you have to look at the total picture, which includes China, Hong Kong, and Taiwan."

Simon reflected on his positive stance on a "two China policy," which recognizes mainland China and Taiwan. The policy equals in comparison to the "two Germany" system, a primary example of how that system did not prevent East and West Germany from becoming one Germany, he added.

"But we accepted a 'one China' policy because of our preoccupation with the Soviet front," Simon said. "We want to keep China from moving in the Soviet Union's direction."

"In the deviant situation it was probably a sound decision," he said of the "one China" policy. "But in terms of where we are today it is not realistic, and foreign policy should be realistic."

With the United States' recent actions concerning its foreign policy taking center stage as the transfer of Hong Kong nears, Simon stated his four major rules concerning international relations.

- Don't get too cozy with dictators.
- Be careful about selling military equipment and technology to dictators.

"I don't like to see us supply weapons to dictators," he said. "The French have been critical of the U.S. sales to the Chinese. Every military sale that we turn down, and we don't turn down many, it is believed that someone else will pick it up."

- Stand up for human rights. Simon said he does

“Whenever China growls, we should not tremble. We should stand up for freedom more consistently.”

Paul Simon
Former U.S. senator



RICK ROGERS/The Chart

Dr. Jay Moorman (left), associate professor of communications, welcomes Jon Sawyer (center), of the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, and Paul Simon, former Illinois U.S. senator, outside the Joplin Regional Airport.

not think any country can maintain good international relations by "pussyfooting about what you stand for."

"We want to be on the side of freedom," he said. "Whenever China growls, we should not tremble. We should stand up for freedom more consistently."

How will China react to actions taken either through negotiations or other methods of action by the U.S. concerning China's regulations on human rights?

"China is not going to respond to silence," Simon said. "The policy in place now is silence. There is no guarantee that if we stand up for human rights in Hong Kong that [the Chinese government] will follow. But I do feel that [the United States] should stand up otherwise."

Simon also stressed the point that China's political future could take a new direction if its people are

exposed to the world of freedom and democracy.

"Freedom is contagious," he said. "If you give the people of Hong Kong freedom, then that is a big first step."

Don't hint to dictators that military conquests will be tolerated.

"When a dictator has an appetite to grab something, their appetite is not satisfied with just one bite," he said. "Whatever you do, fight economic, fight cultural, but don't fight militarily."

Concerning future relations with Hong Kong and China, Simon said he did not favor the concept of isolation, but instead would continue the trade of economic and cultural goods.

"I want to have good relations with China," he said, "but good relations that improve our candor in standing up for freedom."

Gelb: Asia has become strong, vibrant

Former New York Times journalist
says important decisions lie with U.S.

By RICK ROGERS
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Citing the possibilities of Asia becoming a world power in the 21st century, Leslie Gelb recognized China's and Hong Kong's entrance onto the world's grand stage beginning with the transfer of sovereignty July 1.

Gelb, president of the Council on Foreign Relations, a non-profit, non-partisan organization devoted to improving America's understanding of foreign policy, was the second speaker featured in Missouri Southern's Harry and Berniece Gockel International Symposium Monday night in Webster Hall auditorium.

The two-day symposium, "Hong Kong in Transition: The Transfer of Sovereignty to China," featured four speakers discussing the implications of Hong Kong's transfer back to China and future international relations between China, Hong Kong, and other world powers.

Prior to his tenure as president of the Council on Foreign Relations, Gelb was a columnist for *The New York Times* from 1991-93, deputy editorial page editor (1986-90), and editor of the op-ed page (1988-90).

But the New York City resident's highest achievement took place during his time as a national security correspondent for the *The Times* from 1981-86, where he won the Pulitzer Prize for explanatory journalism in 1985.

With the end of the United States' Cold War with the Soviet Union — and the fall of the Soviet empire — Asia has emerged as a flourishing trade center.

"Asia has become strong and vibrant," Gelb said. "And they are economically on the move. It is an Asia that is growing

quicker economically than any other part of the world. An Asia, when they are increasing trade with one another faster than with the outside world."

Because of recent outside interest in the economic possibilities of Asia in recent years, Gelb said nations like Taiwan, China, and Japan will become "the cockpit of international trade."

"In time Asia will play the type of role in the world, similar to what Europe played a century ago, and what the United States is playing this century," he said. "And at the heart of Asia is not Japan as we presumed, but China, who is suddenly bursting upon the world scene."

But even though China and Japan will have an effect on world affairs in the near future, Gelb said Hong Kong is at the center of how the world is attempting to come to terms with Asia.

Gelb said the leaders of both China and the United States have many strategic decisions to make.

"In China, the leaders must decide if they want it all, or whether they are prepared to evolve politically and economically to be more in tune with the rest of the world," he said.

As far as the United States' relations with China and Hong Kong, Gelb said the government's policies should not be focused on either engagement or containment.

"But it is between the engagement of one kind and the engagement of another kind," he said.

He said one way to engage China is not to relate with the Chinese without publicly criticizing or challenging them, or head in the opposite direction and engage them publicly. Gelb said these are the types of question the United States must answer.

"We can threaten them over human rights or over trade," he said. "But it is between that type of engagement and the other type of engagement that we must choose."

The moderator for Monday night's international symposium was Jon Sawyer, chief Washington correspondent for the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*.



RICK ROGERS/The Chart

Leslie Gelb, president of the Council on Foreign Relations, a non-profit, non-partisan organization, said Asia has emerged as a world power after the fall of the Soviet Union.



Dr. Richard Haass (left), director of foreign policy studies at Brookings Institute, Richard Hood (center), vice president and editor of the editorial page of *The Kansas City Star*, and Dr. Richard Baum, professor of political science at the University of California, Los Angeles, answer questions given by audience members during Tuesday's symposium.

the Harry and Berniece Gockel International SYMPOSIUM

Baum speaks of experiences in Hong Kong

Professor says
anxiety levels rising

By J.L. GRIFFIN
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Of the four speakers at the Harry and Berniece Gockel International Symposium, no one was better qualified than Dr. Richard Baum to discuss the internal effects of Hong Kong's transfer of sovereignty on the recipient nation of China.

Currently, Baum is living in Hong Kong, finishing up an eight-month study of the transition for the University of California-Los Angeles, where he is also a political science professor.

The two-day international symposium at Missouri Southern, "Hong Kong in Transition: The Transfer of Sovereignty to China," sported three other keynote speakers besides Baum. Baum was the first speaker at Tuesday night's program.

"Anxiety levels in Hong Kong are clearly rising," he said. "The government-in-waiting in Hong Kong revealed its intentions to partially roll back political liberties."

This is nothing new to people who have been following this process since the early 1980s

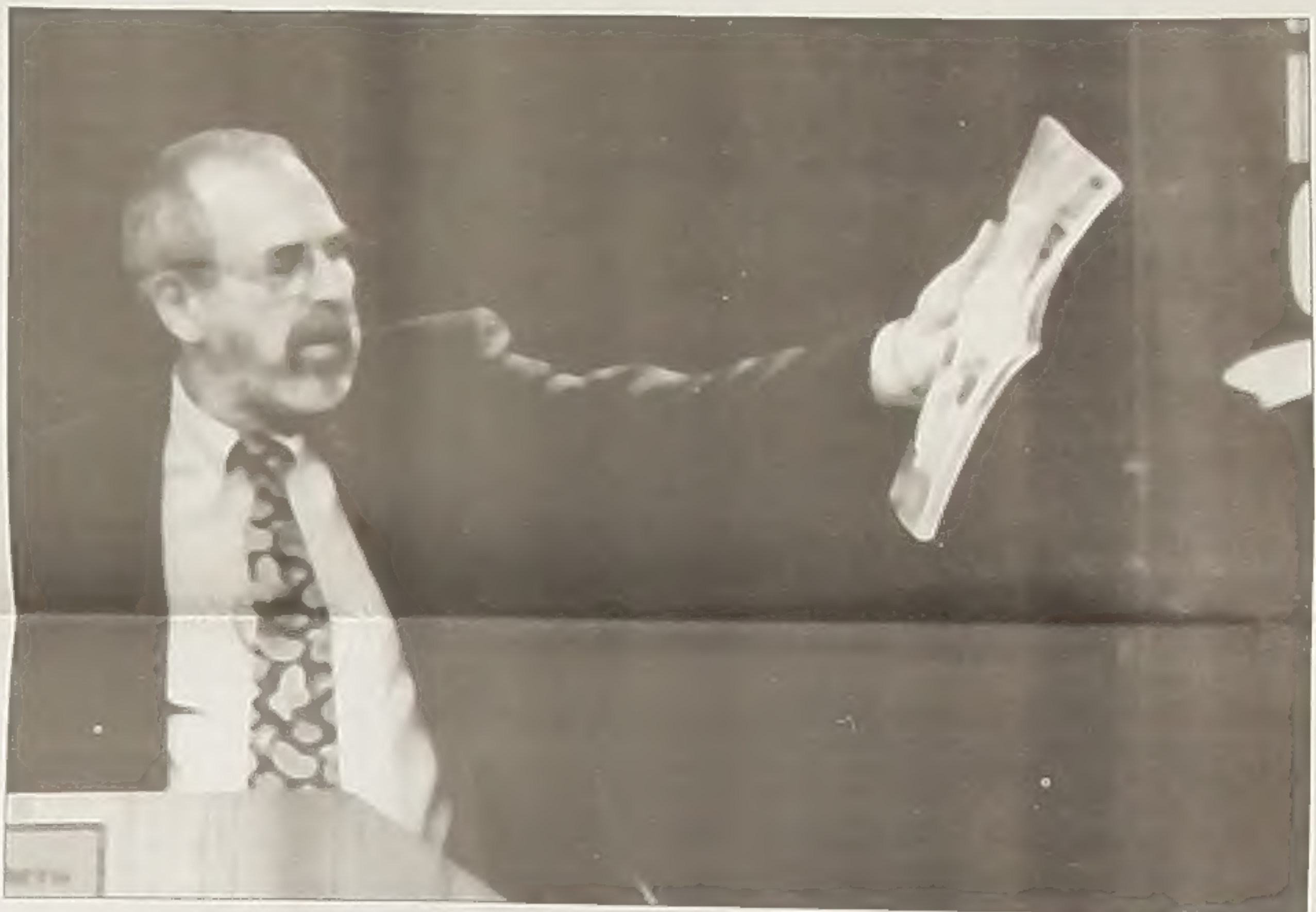
when China revealed its intentions to hold Great Britain to the lease agreement of Hong Kong. The island was leased to the British 150 years ago and will become part of China at the stroke of midnight June 30.

"There is a need for calmness," Baum said. "There is a need for clear thinking. There is a need for rational policy evaluation and analysis."

Baum noted that until recently, Hong Kong was not as free as the city has become. With the installation of Christopher Patten as Hong Kong's final British governor, freedoms and liberties were increased beyond what they had been when both the British and the Chinese signed a document that guaranteed Hong Kong's continued tradition as a democratic society. When that document was signed by both sides in 1984, freedoms were more restricted in Hong Kong than they are now, Baum explained.

This is China's justification for rolling back some of those freedoms when it takes over.

"China is definitely worried about Hong Kong's subversive abilities," Baum said. "Their fear is what Hong Kong will do to [mainland China]. The Chinese vigorously protested Chris Patten's reforms."



Even though tensions are currently rising among the people of Hong Kong concerning the July 1 transfer of sovereignty to China, Dr. Richard Baum, professor of political science at UCLA, believes the alarms being rung around the world about the oppression of the people of Hong Kong are false.

The Chinese are bound and determined to show the world that the "one-country, two-system" plan can work, Baum said. However, these two systems cannot be so far apart that one system feels below the other.

The freedom of Hong Kongers is not a threat to the Chinese government in what they are allowed to do, but what native Chinese aren't allowed to.

"The Hong Kong people are not

politically passive," Baum said. "A civil society is already active in Hong Kong."

Yet, the American professor believes the alarms being rung around the world about the oppression of the people of Hong Kong are false.

The Chinese appointed Tung Chee-hwa to oversee Hong Kong when it becomes a part of China again.

"There is no sense that this man

is going to stick a dagger in the heart of Hong Kong," Baum said. "I think it would be wrong to consider him a stooge."

Baum believes it would be in everyone's worst interest to make any drastic changes to Hong Kong's way of life. Later in the night, he did say Hong Kong's trade importance may be overshadowed by the rising star of mainland China's Shanghai.

Baum finished his speech by not-

ing the trend of Hong Kong's elite either to begin siding with the Chinese for the sake of their businesses or oppose the impending changes for the sake of freedom. People and the media are "watching what they say in public," Baum said.

They fear repercussions from the Chinese government who will control the banks, investment market, and much more when July 1 comes. □

Haass says transfer of power to China will have global implications



RICK ROGERS/The Chart

Dr. Richard Haass, director of foreign policy studies at the Brookings Institute, called the outgoing British "a lame duck whose moment has passed."

By J.L. GRIFFIN
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

No one can argue the transfer of power over Hong Kong from Great Britain to China has far-reaching implications globally, but an argument can be made over which countries will be impacted the greatest.

It fell on the shoulders of Dr. Richard Haass, director of foreign policy studies at the Brookings Institute, to explain the global dimensions of the transfer to the audience at Tuesday night's round of the Harry and Berniece Gockel International Symposium.

The event lasted for two days, beginning with two addresses on Monday and two more speeches to end the symposium titled "Hong Kong in Transition: The Transfer of Sovereignty to China" on Tuesday. Haass' speech was the second of the night.

"This is one of the most forceful debates being fought out since the end of the Cold War," Haass said.

And again the United States finds itself at one end of the struggle, he said.

The transfer has become more of a concern between the U.S. and China than any other two countries. Haass called the outgoing British rule a "lame duck whose moment has passed."

"I don't see where Britain's role, if you weigh it on a scale, is all that great."

Haass did say that good things were coming out of this process. But it was still going to be a slow process in order to be done smoothly. China needs

the stability of a slower pace to focus.

Diplomacy is becoming China's greatest change due to the transfer, he said.

"The Chinese are going around the world and systematically managing, and even settling, some of their disputes — with India, with Russia," Haass explained.

Haass said the Chinese need to procure a setting in Hong Kong that will not be a stark contrast to life in mainland China. The freedoms Hong Kongers enjoy will be rolled back somewhat when China relieves Britain of its guard, but not so much to start an international incident.

"China is clearly worried about blowback that would threaten the position of those who rule China," he said.

He said the expectation that life will change drastically when the midnight transfer occurs July 1 is improbable.

"I would argue that the transition has actually happened," Haass said. "They've already been absorbed."

He argues that come July 1, nothing more than a celebratory fireworks display will unfold; there will be nothing magnanimous that will change the world in an instant.

As for the freedom of Hong Kong, he said its citizens will still be more free than the rest of China.

"The stakes are large for the United States," Haass said. "First of all, because of Hong Kong itself. The U.S. has a stake in it because of its wealth. But we have a real stake in Hong Kong's long-term success."

The monetary side of this power transfer is the

bottom line for many observers, including Haass.

"It's very important Hong Kong does not become a Chinese/American problem," he said in reference to the rest of the world's apparent lack of input.

China's human rights record should not become the stepping off point for negotiations between the two powerful countries, Haass also warned. There are more important issues at stake between the U.S. and China, he said.

The Korean peninsula and the border disputes that arise almost daily is considered a top priority by Haass. He called the Korean borders the "two most dangerous theaters" in the world.

"We need China's help in preventing another war in the Korean peninsula," he said.

In closing, the speaker admonished President Bill Clinton's record regarding China.

He warned that Congress and the media are making too many decisions about the American role and not enough is being done at the executive level.

"It becomes a challenge for Clinton and his lieutenants," he said before ending the symposium's round of speeches. □

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Richard Haass
Director, foreign
policy studies at the
Brookings Institute

CAMPUS CALENDAR

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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20	21	22	23			

Today 17

Pre-registration for currents
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.—
Koinonia Lunch, basement of
Stegge Hall
12:20 p.m.—
Model United Nations
meeting, Webster Hall, Room
223
6:30 p.m.—
Fellowship of Christian
Athletes meeting, BSC, 2nd
floor lounge
7 p.m.—
Zeta Tau Alpha meeting,
Panhellenic room
• Baptist Student Union,
Thursday Night Together,
BSU Building
7:30 p.m.—
Jazz Band concert, Taylor
Performing Arts Center

Friday 18

Special Olympics, all day,
Hughes Stadium
11 a.m.—
Chi Alpha meeting, Webster
Hall, Room 115

Saturday 19

9 a.m.—
Tennis at William Jewell

Sunday 20

Women's Athletic Banquet
6 p.m.—
Newman Club meeting, St.
Peter's Catholic Church, 8th
and Pearl
7 p.m.—
Sigma Pi meeting, Stegge
Hall basement
• Alpha Sigma Alpha meet-
ing, Panhellenic Room

Monday 21

New student pre-registration
begins
• Phone registration begins
3 p.m.—
Intramural 3 on 3 sand vol-
leyball league meeting
7 p.m.—
Baptist Student Union Quest
Fellowship, Baptist Student
Union Building
9 p.m.—
On-Campus Bible Study, Apt.
H-7, Stone Hall

Tuesday 22

Earth Day Celebration
Noon—
Latter-Day Saints Student
Association meeting, BSC,
Room 313
12:15 p.m.—
Non-traditional student
brown bag lunch, Hearnes
Hall, Room 211
12:20 p.m.—
College Republicans meet-
ing, BSC, Room 311
2:15 p.m.—
Chi Alpha meeting, BSC,
Room 311
7 p.m.—
Koinonia main meeting,
College Heights Christian
Church
7:30 p.m.—
Faculty piano recital by Dr.
Jones, Webster auditorium

Wednesday 21

Noon—
Psychology Club, Taylor Hall,
Room 123
• CAB general board meeting,
BSC Room 311
12:20 p.m.—
Missouri Constitution test
orientation session, Webster
Hall, Room 210
3 p.m.—
Softball vs. NESU (last home
game), Kungie Field

Attention:

Do you have
an announcement
pertaining to a
campus organization?
If so, please contact
Gimmy at 625-9311.

I'VE GOT THIS ONE

Julie Finley, student
assistant coach,
helps 6-year-old
Audrey Rundle of
Carterville field a ball
during Southern's
softball clinic Monday
at King Jack Park in
Webb City.
The free clinic played
host to 35-40 kids and
lasted nearly two
hours.

RICK ROGERS/The Chart



STUDENT FEATURE

Juggling Act:

Jones balances school, clubs, work... everyday



JOHN SMITH/The Chart

Senior Kim Jones is active in many campus organizations and says she enjoys being a criminal justice major at Missouri Southern.

Jones says major
provides excitement,
fun, and interest

By HEATHER DEMIER
STAFF WRITER

With Student Senate, Criminal Justice Student Association, College Republicans, Koinonia, the Pre-law Club, and a part-time job, Kim Jones, senior criminal justice administration major, may never find a dull moment.

Jones has been a member of the Senate since her freshman year.

"I figured it would be a pretty neat thing because I'm a people person," she said. "I like to get involved in things and see what's going on with our school."

On the Senate, Jones has served as vice president and secretary. This year, she is a senior senator.

Jones takes part in many other campus organizations.

She is vice president of the Criminal Justice Student Association and president of the College Republicans. She also attends Koinonia and Pre-law Club meetings.

Jones has been employed three years at Blanchard Robertson Mitchell and Carter, where she works 20 to 25 hours a week. Besides her usual tasks, she is also doing an internship there that allows her to work more directly with the law.

"This semester I'm reviewing surveillance videos and writing summaries over what occurs because of the climate," she said.

When Jones first came to Southern, she was a political science major, but soon found it wasn't for her.

"I had some good friends in the criminal justice department, so I

"I like to get involved in things and see what's going on with our school."

Kim Jones
Senior, criminal
justice major

took a few classes over there to see what it was like," she said. "I changed my major after that semester. I always thought criminal justice meant you had to be a police officer, but there are a lot of other things to go into besides that."

After graduating in May, she plans to enter the field of investigation.

"I've always wanted to go to law school and then go into the FBI or something," she said, adding that she may take a break between schools.

Jones is taking a firearms class this semester. Although she didn't need it to graduate, she knew she would enjoy it.

"We go down to the firing range and usually we shoot .22s and semi-automatics."

Her favorite instructors are in the criminal justice department.

"They're more like friends and you can go to them for advice," she said.

In what little spare time she has left, Jones enjoys sports, reading, talking to people, and shooting her compound bow-and-arrow. □

NONTRADITIONAL

Daughter pushes mother to learn

By AILEEN GRONEWOLD
STAFF WRITER

Many students can probably say their parents pushed, begged, or bribed them to go to school, but few can say their children pushed them. Stella Johnston is one of the few.

At the age of 62, Johnston enrolled in an English 80 course, not because she longed to analyze nouns and verbs or because she craved homework, but because she wanted to please her daughter.

"My daughter, Lori, asked me to take the course so we could attend school together during her last year," Johnston said. "At first I declined, but finally I realized just what a unique opportunity she was offering me. How could I turn down a chance to share a part of my daughter's life?"

Johnston found both exciting and frightening differences between her new class at Missouri Southern and her last English class, 43 years earlier.

"College was so different from high school," she said. "It was more open, without all the rules. But then I found out I had to learn the computer, and I almost fainted."

Today, Johnston and her computer are inseparable. After her English 80 class, she audited Creative Writing and Introduction to Micro Use, and now she spends her days writing.

"I write every day," she said. "So far I've written 40 short stories and I am in the process of writing two novels."

One of her short stories, *Rocks*, won third place at the Ozark Creative Writers Conference in Eureka Springs, Ark., in September.

Johnston also belongs to the Mid-South Writers Group of Cassville. The group meets twice a month to read and critique each other's work and discuss various aspects of writing.

"As much as I'd like to get published, it really doesn't matter," Johnston said. "The writing itself is what it's all about. It gives me purpose and makes me feel young again. In many ways, my life began when I entered Dr. [Jim] Brown's English 80 class. Apparently a major part of her life was unfulfilled until she went to college and discovered that she could write," said Brown, associate professor of English. "She is an intelligent woman with a lot of creativity, and writing is very liberating for her."

Brown is pleased but not surprised by Johnston's success.

"Many times in English 80 we get diamonds in the rough, especially among the non-traditional students," he said. "It's good to see someone whose life was dramatically affected by the class." □

CAMPUS ACTIVITY

Clubs celebrate nature, sponsor campuswide cleanup

By HEATHER DEMIER
STAFF WRITER

Earth Day is just around the corner, and many organizations will be working together to keep Missouri Southern's campus clean.

On Tuesday, trash will be picked up by volunteers in recognition of Earth Day.

"The cleanup is being organized jointly by the Biology Club and the Environmental Health Club to help supplement Earth Day and to get together and pick up last year's accumulations," said Dr. Gerald Schlink, associate professor of biology.

Those clubs are asking all student organizations to take part in this campuswide cleanup by picking up litter around the building they use.

"The idea is to set up zones like there are on the highways where each organization is responsible for a certain area," Schlink said.

He said if everyone pitches in, it will shorten the length of time needed to clean up the designated areas.

"We're expecting a pretty good turnout," said Zak Kuhlmann, president of the Pre-Professional/Biology Club.

Kuhlmann said the Pre-Professional/Biology Club is planning to pick up the area near Reynolds Hall, and Omicron Delta Kappa will be cleaning around the football field.

Kuhlmann, junior biology major, said he and Traci Lyons, president of the Environmental Health Club, strongly encourage people to join in and make this campuswide cleanup a success.

"The Environmental [Health] Club, the Pre-Professional/Biology Club, and the Student Senate are all working together in cooperating to get a cleaner campus," Kuhlmann said. "We'll be providing trash bags and plastic gloves for anyone who wants them."

Schlink said the Physical Education Majors Club, Sports Medicine Club, Criminal Justice Student Association, and the Council for Exceptional Children will participate.

Questions may be directed to Schlink at 625-9764.

"I'd encourage all students to help clean up," Kuhlmann said.

"It's their campus, and the participation in this directly reflects the students' interest in Southern." □

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FACULTY RECITAL

'Tightrope element' part of performing



MICHELLE CONTY/The Chari

Dr. Henry Jones, assistant professor of music, will be performing a faculty recital at 7:30 Tuesday night.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Reeds new gig 'dream come true'

By MICHELLE CONTY
ASSISTANT ARTS ETC. EDITOR

On March 17, Betsy Thurman Reeds auditioned for the Buffalo (N.Y.) Symphony Harmonic. A day later, she advanced to the semifinals and finals and received the position of second flute.

"Since I was 12, I knew what I wanted to do — play in an orchestra," said Reeds, adjunct flute instructor at Missouri Southern.

She has been at Southern for four semesters. Aside from giving lessons Reeds also conducts the flute ensemble.

"I studied and took lessons and auditioned. I thought of it as not an option. I didn't think there was much of a chance," she said.

Reeds, who has been playing second flute in the Springfield (Mo.) Symphony, said she took the auditions as they came. She has auditioned to play in orchestras in Florida, Texas, North Carolina, Oklahoma, and Missouri.

"You take the offers as they come. There are not many openings; they're few and far between," Reeds said. "There are so many professional flutists, and so many don't have jobs. When you get a job, you keep it."

Forty-three people auditioned for the position with the Buffalo Symphony Harmonic. Seven were chosen to advance to semifinals. Two were then chosen for finals and competed with two "locals," or substitutes, for the position.

"Many of the people I talked to went to really big music conservatories and I had gone to SMS; I thought the chances were slim," Reeds said.

The audition was anonymous. Numbers were drawn to determine the order of the auditions during the first two rounds, and letters were drawn for the final round. The judges were behind a screen during every round. This eliminated accusations of bias or favoritism. A person escorted the auditioners onto the carpeted stage and communicated for the auditioner.

The panel of judges consisted of all the principle woodwinds.

"It doesn't even seem real to me. It's my dream come true," Reeds said. "I'll never forget after we played the final round."

"My number was called, and I followed the escorter back. People started coming out from behind the screen and started shaking my hand. The conductor introduced himself and said I did a fantastic audition."

The clarinet player on the panel asked Reeds her number from the first round. He left, came back, and told her he had picked her from the first round.

Everyone on the panel offered Reeds assistance in getting settled when she moves to New York in August.

She said her husband is excited about the move. He likes his job here but would like to go back to school, and this move opens new doors.

The couple has three sons: Draper, 7; Vance, 6; and Zachary, 4.

"The kids are excited because we are excited; they are beginning to ask questions," Reeds said.

"It just shows you; I'm really the underdog," she said. "Having gone to school at SMS and living in Joplin, Mo., the circumstances were not ideal. If you stick to it, it is possible."

Reeds sent her résumé to the symphony and received a list of excerpts that would be required.

"Excerpts are hard because they are part of a greater symphonic work. You have to know how the piece is played. There is little room for personal interpretation," she said.

Reeds said everyone at Southern has been supportive. Her students presented her with a bouquet of flowers after a March 27 recital. □

By RHONDA CLARK
STAFF WRITER

Proving anything can happen in a live performance, last week during practice, Dr. Henry Jones, assistant professor of music, experienced a broken piano string.

"I was hitting one of the strong chords in the Brahms piece, and I just heard a crack," he said.

Jones will give his second Missouri Southern faculty recital at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Webster Hall auditorium. Featured selections are a sonata by Haydn and a nocturne by Chopin. The Brahms Sonata is the second half of the performance.

Jones believes classical music "puts off" some people, but he still encourages them to take a chance.

"They need to realize there is very often a lot more there when you go to a live performance," he said. "It sometimes pulls you in more."

"If nothing else, there is a kind of circus-lightrope element to it, just watching a live performance — just someone doing

something difficult and wondering if they are going to fall."

As an instructor of Music Appreciation and Applied Music Keyboard, he soothes nervous student performers by explaining that it is just music and no one can get hurt.

Jones made the decision to do another recital to keep his skills honed, to give students an opportunity to see someone play professionally, to reach the community, and to feature his work.

"I wanted to put the Brahms piece out in public," he said. "I've been working on it a long time. I decided to put another recital together and add a few more of my old pieces they haven't heard here yet."

Pete Harely, head of Southern's music department, said recitals provide an opportunity to showcase the faculty and make the College and local communities aware of the high-quality performers and music here. He said Jones fits this description.

"He is an extremely high-caliber pianist and fine faculty member," Harely said. "We are happy to have him here. He has

made a large contribution to the music department by his presence and talent in the short time he has been here."

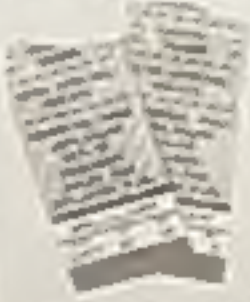
In August, Jones came to Southern from Minot, N.D., with his wife, Stacey, and two daughters. The decision to move was made easier with the climate, the people, and the work going on at the College. Jones has been a musician since he was 8 years old. After his graduation from Yale University, he began his career doing freelance work in New York.

For several years, he coached singers, gave lessons, performed with Broadway shows, and accompanied his wife, a singer in the cabarets. After finding the "Bohemian" life artistically and financially unsatisfying, Jones returned to school and received a graduate degree from Louisiana State University in 1994.

Jones believes Southern is a culture center for the area.

"We need to do something to get more people coming in because it's a wonderful resource we've got here with all these plays and concerts," he said. "And, it's free." □

CONCERT REVIEW



By MICHELLE CONTY
ASSISTANT ARTS ETC. EDITOR

The audience was held captive by the energy and the antics radiated by three entertainers during a concert at Memorial Hall Saturday.

Both Sawyer Brown and Kevin Sharp were equally appealing. Between Sawyer Brown's mechanical illusions and Kevin Sharp's amusing entrance with a Super Soaker water gun, there was never a dull moment. All of the artists projected stunning showmanship.

But Crystal Bernard, on the other hand? Let's face it, she's no Reba. In fact, she would probably bring in more ratings behind her lunch counter on the set of "Wings." She's a talented songwriter, but she comes up short in performance.

Sawyer Brown lived up to audience expectations once again, although the fact that the show was not a sell-out performance was rather disappointing.

The band members' on stage movements kept the audience involved in the show.

Mark Miller, the band's lead singer, danced and moved to the music. The performers joking and silly behavior added laughs to the performance.

The seating arrangement left little to be desired.

The view of the performance was obstructed due to the level floor lined with chairs.

This made seeing difficult, especially when several people in front insisted on standing up most of the performance.

Security was tight but not unreasonable. They moved 17-year-old Dawn

Groups hold audience captive



MICHELLE CONTY/The Chari

Caryn George (left) of Coffeyville, Kan., gets an autograph from Kevin Sharp after the concert Saturday night with Sawyer Brown at Joplin's Memorial Hall.

Thomas to the first row so she could see better in her wheelchair.

Several times during the concert the entertainers told the audience to stand up, but security told them to sit back down.

It would have been nice if the two parties could keep from getting their wires crossed.

The artists showed a genuine interest in the audience's enjoyment.

They took their time chatting with the fans backstage, signing autographs and posing for pictures.

Backstage, Caryn George of Coffeyville, Kan., one of Kevin Sharp's fans who suffers from the same kind of cancer, was

able to meet the performer who had called her last November.

Her wish at the Make-A-Wish foundation was to meet Kevin Sharp.

Sharp told his stage manager he wanted to visit with her and her family after the show.

They were allowed to chat with him in his bus.

When Sawyer Brown came on stage the lead singer Mark Miller said they had been told to hurry the performance along due to a second show set for 9 p.m.

"But we're not going to," Miller said.

The group performed more than 15 songs, and the audience did not clear the Hall until after 8 p.m. □

MUSIC REVIEW

Fire of Nero CD 'might melt CD player'

By BRIAN PALMER
STAFF WRITER

I just got my hands on the latest release from Fire of Nero titled *Fear Your Silence*. I was impressed.

Few local bands have real talent. I'm sorry if that offends anyone, but it's true. Maybe if there were more places for bands to play there would be more talent around here.

Fire of Nero is one of those bands that transcend the low-talent norm in the area. Just pick up a copy of *Fear Your Silence* and see what I mean.

From the filthy guitar tones in the opening track, "Earthworm," to the esoteric noodlings on the unnamed track eight, this album rocks. Everyone else will love it.

Nero successfully merges the genres of blues, metal, and industrial into a fierce package that might melt my CD player. What the hell — I'll have fun doing it.

Song style on this album runs the gamut from the mosh-pit inducing "Glass Socker," to the Pink Floydian "Master of the Color Walls." Also included are heavy rockers like "Animal" and "Entrapped." Rounding out the song list are the tripped-out experiments "Monument to Loss," and "Steel Chair."

Fans of big, heavy beats have a new hero in drummer Kevin Webber. Check out his poundings on "Animal" and "Master of the Color Walls." That's some massive stuff.

Anyone looking for long stretches of guitar-wanking, please look elsewhere. Anyone looking for solid riffs and a truly

NASTY guitar tone ... well, here it is. I do believe I heard the unmistakable tone of a Les Paul pumped through a Marshall at extremely high volume. Impressive in any decade. Bass is something that can easily be underdone or overdone. Nero has an uncanny sense of the placement of the bass in their music. Highly commendable, since even many so-called "great" bands have no idea what to do with bass.

Anyone looking for the same-old repackaged Seattle crap or a never-ending stream of tuneless booms blast in your car stereo and annoy the general populace should find something else in the throw-away bin at your local music store. All anyone is going to find on *Fear Your Silence* is intelligent rock 'n' roll. Period. I highly recommend it. □

Coming ATTRACTIONS

On Campus



Theatre

■ April 25-26—
Anton Chekhov's
'The Sea Gull' in
Taylor Auditorium

TAYLOR AUDITORIUM

April 30—Symphonic Band
Concert

May 1—Hanover Band
Concert - Nicholas McGegan

May 5—Orchestra Concert

May 8—Choir Concert

WEBSTER AUDITORIUM

April 22—Faculty Recital -
Dr. Henry Jones

April 29—Gloria Jardon's
Piano Students Recital

Concert

May 4—Jazz in Joplin - Trio
Grande

May 10—Suzuki Student
Recital

PHINNEY RECITAL HALL

May 15—Choral Society
Concert

Joplin



Spiva

■ Through April
27—Spiva Annual
art exhibit in Joplin

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April 18—Maurice John Vaughn

April 25—Oreo Blue

CHAMPS

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May 4—Bush w/Venue Salt

Springfield

SHRINE MOSQUE

April 24—The Wallflowers

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Joplin police officers receive Medal of Valor

On Wednesday, in the civil defense room of City Hall, five Joplin police officers and a Missouri State Highway Patrol officer were recognized for their actions during the arrest of William Talley.

Talley was the individual charged in connection with the homicide of James Mayo. Mayo was found murdered in his home at 1304 E. G St. on Jan. 29. Talley was arrested 30 hours later.

The officers were awarded the Joplin Police Department Medal of Valor during the conference. The Medal of Valor is awarded to officers who perform an outstanding act in the line of duty, at imminent personal hazard of life, with full knowledge of the risk involved. □

St. John's Home Care opens Neosho office

St. John's Home Care Services recently opened a new office in Neosho in the building formerly housing St. John's Neosho Medical Center, 1401 Waldo Haller Memorial Drive.

An open house to commemorate the new office will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. The Neosho Chamber of Commerce will host a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 10 a.m. that day to congratulate St. John's on this newly located service.

St. John's has been providing home care services in the Neosho area from its Anderson office.

Nancy Haas, director of the Anderson Home Care office, will also serve as director of the Neosho office. She is quite pleased with the new location, saying that "60 percent of the patients served out of the Anderson office live in the Neosho area." This will allow both communities to be served with the highest quality of care.

The Neosho office will provide home health and hospice services. Services provided by home health include skilled nursing, obstetric and pediatric nursing, psychiatric nursing, social services, speech therapy, spiritual guidance, Lifeline, TV therapy, physical therapy, occupational therapy, medical equipment and supplies, pre-admission testing for joint replacement and heart catheterizations, pulmonary training, and energy management.

Services provided by the hospice unit include: professional nursing, social services, counseling, Lifeline, bereavement services, physician services, respite care, therapy services, short-term in-patient care, chaplains, medication, volunteer services, continuous care, medical equipment and supplies.

For more information, persons may contact the Neosho office at (417) 455-0388 or 1-800-638-7073. □

Global Outreach to hold informational meeting

Tom Wrie, founder and executive director of Global Outreach, an organization that provides health care and educational services to distressed areas of the world, will be in Joplin to discuss how more four-state area residents can become involved in the organization's activities.

Community members interested in hearing more about how they can volunteer their services for an unforgettable experience in helping others are invited to attend an open meeting on Thursday, April 24 in the fellowship hall of the First Community Church, 15th and Murphy Boulevard.

A reception will begin at 6 p.m., with dinner and a brief presentation to follow. Free baby-sitting will be provided.

Plans are under way for Joplin area volunteers to travel to Latin America in early December.

For reservations or more information, persons may contact the First Community Church at 781-1800. □

COLLEGE HEIGHTS

Private school utilizes teleconferencing



Tom Brown, a member of College Heights Christian School's employment selection committee, interviews a Miami, Fla., applicant using new interactive video equipment. The teleconferencing equipment is the property of The Joplin Chamber of Commerce.

Hiring process includes interactive video interviews

By AILEEN GRONWOLD
STAFF WRITER

When school board members at College Heights Christian School needed to interview an applicant from Miami, Fla., for an administrative position, they did not call the airlines to arrange it. They called the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce.

Members of the selection committee used the Chamber's video conferencing equipment to interview the candidate on April 9. Arrangements were made for the applicant to use similar equipment at a Kinko's in Miami.

"It was wonderful," said Lyle Green, chairman of the board. "It was a much better conversation than a conference telephone call would have been."

"We first started considering the video conference as a way to get acquainted with this applicant without the expense of a trip," said Rick Bayless, church administrator.

Bayless said the video conference cost less than \$200, and most of that was for use of the room and equipment in Florida.

"The only down side (of the interview) was a slight time delay between the voice and the

video, caused by equipment differences. The equipment on the other end was transmitting at a higher speed than ours."

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company installed the equipment in the Chamber a year ago as part of a pilot project.

"We installed 50 of these units statewide," said Jeff Leeka, area manager for Southwestern Bell. "We wanted to get people familiar with the technology."

"I think it is important to note that this technology works over copper wires, the same wires that are in your home," he said. "We didn't have to rewire anything (at the Chamber) when we installed the equipment." This is the first time the Chamber equipment has been used for a job selection interview.

"The video conferencing equipment is located in our small business resource center," said Tracey Osborne, general manager of the Chamber. "We use that room to provide a wide range of resources designed to help people in their businesses, and it is available to anyone."

Because the video conferencing equipment has not been used much by area businesses, Osborne said fees for use of the equipment have not been set.

"We will have a minimal fee, probably less for members than for non-members," she said. □

INTERNET SERVER

Shutdown bears minor impact

By SCOTT HAAR
STAFF WRITER

Area Internet subscribers will not be affected by the closing of the area's largest Internet provider.

Business Resources of Joplin will no longer be the home base of the server that brings the world to Joplin through the information superhighway.

Business Resources was the Internet provider through which the Jasper and Newton Information and Communications System (JANICS) delivered services to subscribers in the Joplin area. The ser-

vice will now be provided by a JANICS-owned server operating from a familiar place.

"We are very pleased to have Computerland and John Cruzan re-associated with our services," said Steve Russell, telecommunications specialist for the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce.

JANICS, a not-for-profit organization, acts as an organizer of residential Internet subscribers in order to minimize subscription costs.

"It's like building a house," Russell said. "JANICS is like a contractor, and we were sub-contracting with Business Resources to uti-

lize their equipment to provide Internet services."

Now the self-contained system will operate within the confines of the Computerland infrastructure and be maintained by Computerland employees.

Russell said JANICS, a segment of the Chamber of Commerce comprised of non-paid board members, owns the system but relies on Computerland employees to perform daily task functions.

"We are happy to do it," said Cruzan, who owns Computerland. "I see JANICS as a good public service that will be good for the growth of Joplin." □

DOWNTOWN

Remodeling nears completion

Newman Building to be finished soon

By KIM GIBSON
STAFF WRITER

The Newman Building at 602 Main St. has been empty for eight years, but it may soon be the site of new Joplin businesses.

After Newman's Department Store moved to Northpark Mall in 1972, the building housed various businesses in portions of its structure, including a church, printing press, and most recently a teen center called "Sixth Street Station."

Kenneth Sipe, owner's representative of the Newman Building, said the plans for the building are

to use the basement for recreation purposes and rent the rooms in the upper floors as office space.

"We expect to really have it wound up in 30 days," Sipe said. "We will be starting to look for renters at that time."

There may be a new form of entertainment for Joplin. Sipe said they hope to have a restaurant and a night club or a comedy club in the basement. So far, restaurants from California and Texas have made inquiries about the building.

Sipe did not know what type of business would be occupying the upper levels, but he said insurance companies and lawyers, among others, have expressed interest in using the space.

Sipe said the moves bring new business to Main Street are "reju-

venating the downtown."

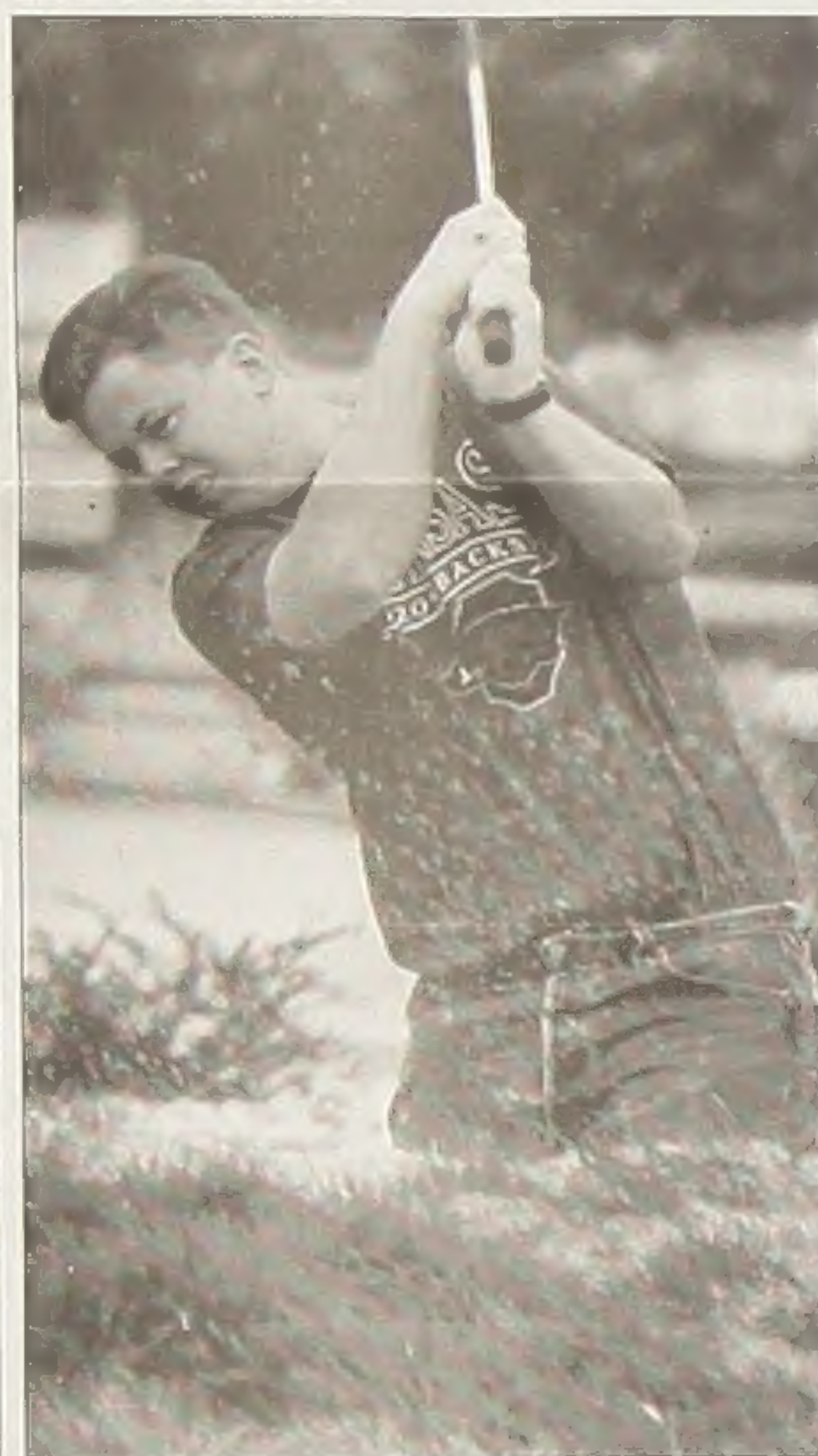
Despite the Newman Building's 90-year residency in Joplin, it is structurally sound and being updated with heating and cooling systems and wheelchair accessibility. Currently, construction workers are busy working on the fire escape and putting ceiling grids in the basement. The sprinkler system is also being hooked up to the fire pump.

"It's a new building in an old shell," Sipe said.

Sipe hopes to have the interior finished in two weeks. After that, the exterior will be finished and he said they can begin looking for tenants.

"I would hope it'd be the same response we've been having," he said. □

LIFE'S THE PITS



JOHN SMITH/The Chart

Scott Hall, senior graphic arts major at Missouri Southern, fails to get his ball out of the bunker Tuesday at Rangeline Golf Course.

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INTERNSHIPS

College interns learn from legislators

Program offers new experiences

By TAMMY SPICER
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. —

There are about 100 college students hanging out at the Capitol this legislative session. They are all part of a student internship program designed to familiarize students with the legislative process.

"I think this is something the students really enjoy," said Rep. Deleta Williams (D-Warrensburg), who coordinates the program with Rep. Mary Lou Sallee (R-Ava). "And I think the legislators appreciate them because this year we had more requests than we had interns."

There are two groups of interns, full-time and part-time. Full-time participants are required to be present the entire legislative week while part-time interns work one full day a week, according to Williams.

"It is a sacrifice, but it is worth it," said Tiffney Bradley, junior communications major at Southwest Missouri State University. "I have been meeting lots of people and learning how the legislative process works."

Sallee and Williams coordinate an educational program for the students that includes a weekly meeting with speakers like the secretary of state, attorney general, lieutenant governor, state auditor, and the governor.

"Attendance isn't required, but we strongly suggest and urge the interns to attend these programs," Sallee said. "It is an important part of the learning process."

Another major aspect of the internship is a mock legislative session.

Interns nominate and vote for leadership positions, attend committee meetings, and develop bills just like their elected counterparts. It culminates in an mock session on the House floor.

"I felt like the mock session really pulled everything together for me," said Lora Honey, junior general agriculture major at University of Missouri-Columbia. "This whole internship experience has given me more of a working knowledge of the Capitol."

Honey's mother is Delores Honey, director of assessment and institutional research at Missouri Southern.

While each intern is assigned to a legislator and is answerable to that legislator, Williams and Sallee believe they have the responsibility to oversee the students. They try to have a presence at all of the activities.

The interns also help the legislature beyond just working for the individual members.

Every intern is able to give tours of the Capitol to visitors and assist on the House floor by distributing paperwork to the representatives. This gives them even more hands-on experience in the legislative process, Williams said.

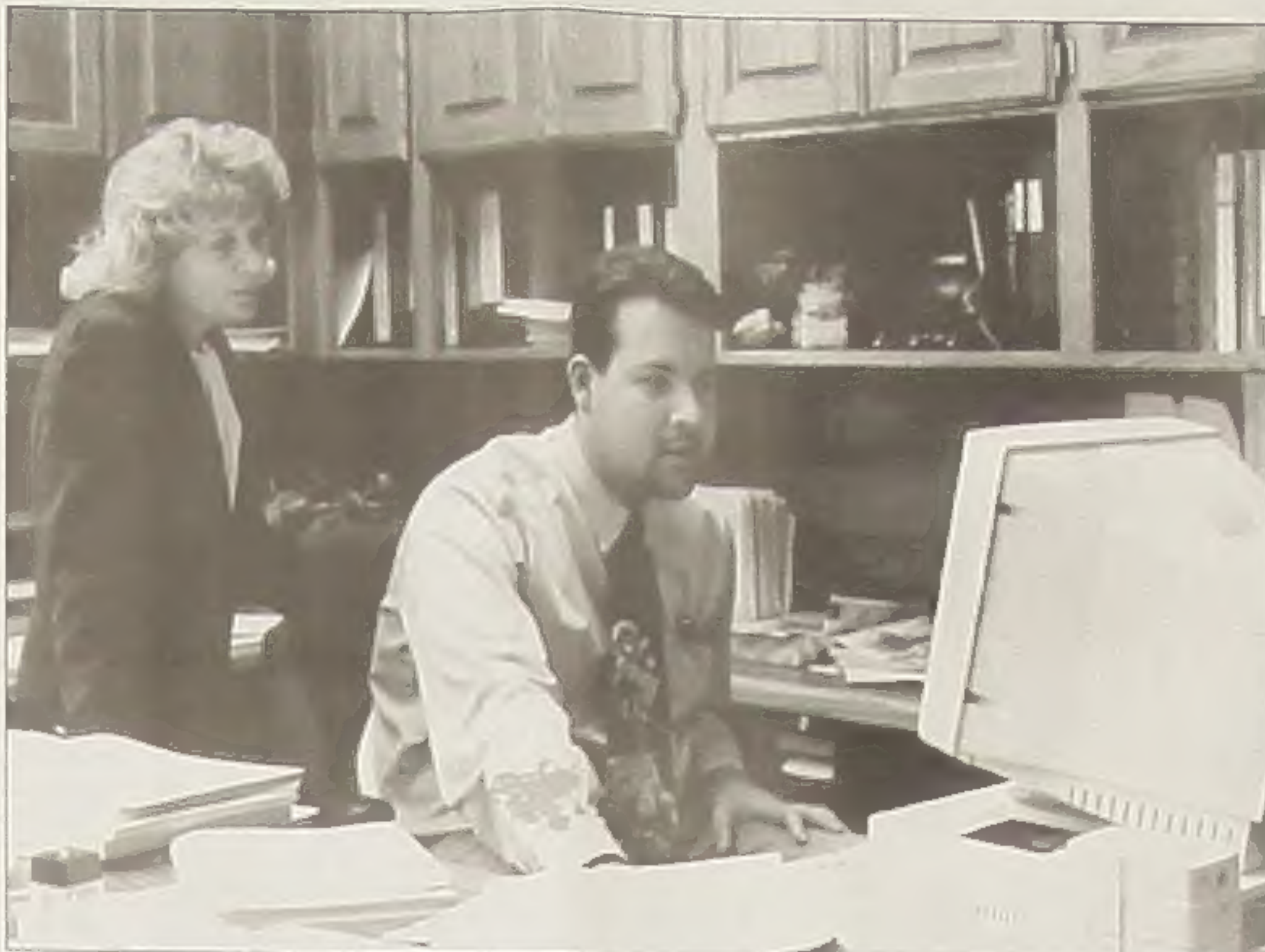
"The interns learn to deal with large groups of people, but probably what they learn the most from is just their daily involvement in the legislative process," Sallee said.

Colleges and universities place all full-time interns with legislators, while Williams and Sallee help place the part-time interns based on whether they would rather work with a Democrat or a Republican legislator.

That is one of the primary reasons there is a representative from each party involved in the coordination of the intern program.

"We wish more people would take part in this program," Sallee said.

Lora Honey offers this bit of advice to potential college interns, "You have got to be ready to do grunt work. But it sure is exciting being in the middle of it all." □



TAMMY SPICER/The Chart

John Weedn, senior political science major, and Twilla Duvall surf the Internet, looking for information requested by Sen. Marvin Singleton (R-Seneca). Weedn spends four days a week in Jefferson City as the senator's college intern.

Weedn gains knowledge of Capitol life

Committee meetings, research keep intern busy in Jefferson City

By TAMMY SPICER
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. —

Talking with state senators and representatives is just part of an average day for John Weedn, Missouri Southern senior political science major.

He is currently serving as legislative intern for Sen. Marvin Singleton (R-Seneca).

"I have always been interested in the law and its interpretation, Weedn said. "What better way to learn than to watch it being made. I am really excited to be working with Sen. Singleton and to see a part of what he is doing for southwest Missouri."

Weedn learned about the internship program last year and contacted Annetta St. Clair, associate professor of political science, about the possibility. St. Clair is responsible for overseeing Weedn's internship.

"John came to us highly recommended," Singleton said. "We decided we would offer him the opportunity to see the process in action."

Some of Weedn's responsibilities

include working on weekly press releases, helping constituents, attending hearings and committee meetings, and researching legislation sponsored by the senator and other topics of interest to southwest Missouri.

"I have had several hours of state government," Weedn said. "Although you can learn the process, you can't really understand it until you are here."

Although living in a rented room in Jefferson City during the week, Weedn is a full-time Southern student, earning eight credit hours for his internship and four in an independent study class. He heads to the Capitol on Mondays and doesn't return to Joplin, where he works weekends as a bartender, until Thursday evening.

"I miss all my friends and campus involvement, like Kappa Alpha and Student Senate. When I get in campus, everyone thinks I have already graduated," Weedn said.

"But it's great not to go to class, even though I put in way more hours on this internship than I ever did going to classes."

Weedn is the first formal intern Singleton has had in his office.

"John is a valuable resource to this office," Singleton said. "In addition to committee meetings and such, he also helps take some of the load off Twilla (Duvall), Singleton's full-time secretary."

"*I have always been interested in the law and its interpretation.***"**

John Weedn
Senior, political science major

With the internship comes responsibility, Weedn explained. There is much stress involved, and the confidentiality of the work is always at the forefront. Everything he does is a reflection upon the senator.

Singleton said he would certainly support others wishing to follow in Weedn's footsteps.

"I always encourage other students to do internships, no matter what their major is, because that is what employers are looking for," Weedn said. "This is a great internship for someone who is really interested in state government, but they have to be willing to work long, hard hours." □

STATE NEWS BRIEFS

Natural areas celebrate 20 years of programs

This month marks the 20th anniversary of the Missouri Natural Areas Program. Gov. Mel Carnahan has officially proclaimed April as Missouri Natural Areas Month and urges all Missourians to join in this observance by exploring the state's natural heritage in Missouri's natural areas.

Special events to help visitors appreciate these natural wonders have been scheduled throughout the state this year.

The Missouri Natural Areas Program is a cooperative effort by state and federal agencies, conservation organizations, local governments, corporations, and private citizens to protect some of the state's best examples of natural communities. These communities include landscapes such as prairies, aquatic features such as streams, and geologic features such as caves.

Today, 168 natural areas in 74 counties have been designated on public lands and on private land where owners have voluntarily agreed to participate in the program. Together, these protected lands provide impressive areas where Missourians can enjoy a part of the state's natural history.

In the Ozarks, a popular destination is Big Spring on the Current River. The 17-acre Big Spring Natural Area contains three largest spring in the Ozarks of Missouri and Arkansas and includes a moist bluff resplendent with ferns and mosses. Nearby Big Spring Pines Natural Area is one of the highest quality pine-oak forests in the Ozarks with large pines and oaks. Both natural areas are within the Ozark National Scenic Riverways, managed by the National Park Service. □

Springfield benefits from new loan program

The first loan made through an innovative financing program to help local groups build highways was approved for the Springfield area.

The \$1.18 million loan from the Missouri Transportation Finance Corporation will help the Springfield State Highway Improvement Corporation accelerate projects on state highways. An additional \$1.69 million is expected to be loaned for those projects in 1999.

The finance corporation, which was established by MoDOT, uses state and federal funds to supplement local funds for transportation projects.

The corporation was established last year as a result of state and federal efforts to develop more options for local governments that want to improve transportation. Springfield voters recently approved a 1/8-cent sales tax to pay the city's portion of costs.

The Springfield area projects are on Chestnut Expressway, West Bypass, Route 65-Sunshine interchange, and several intersection improvements. □

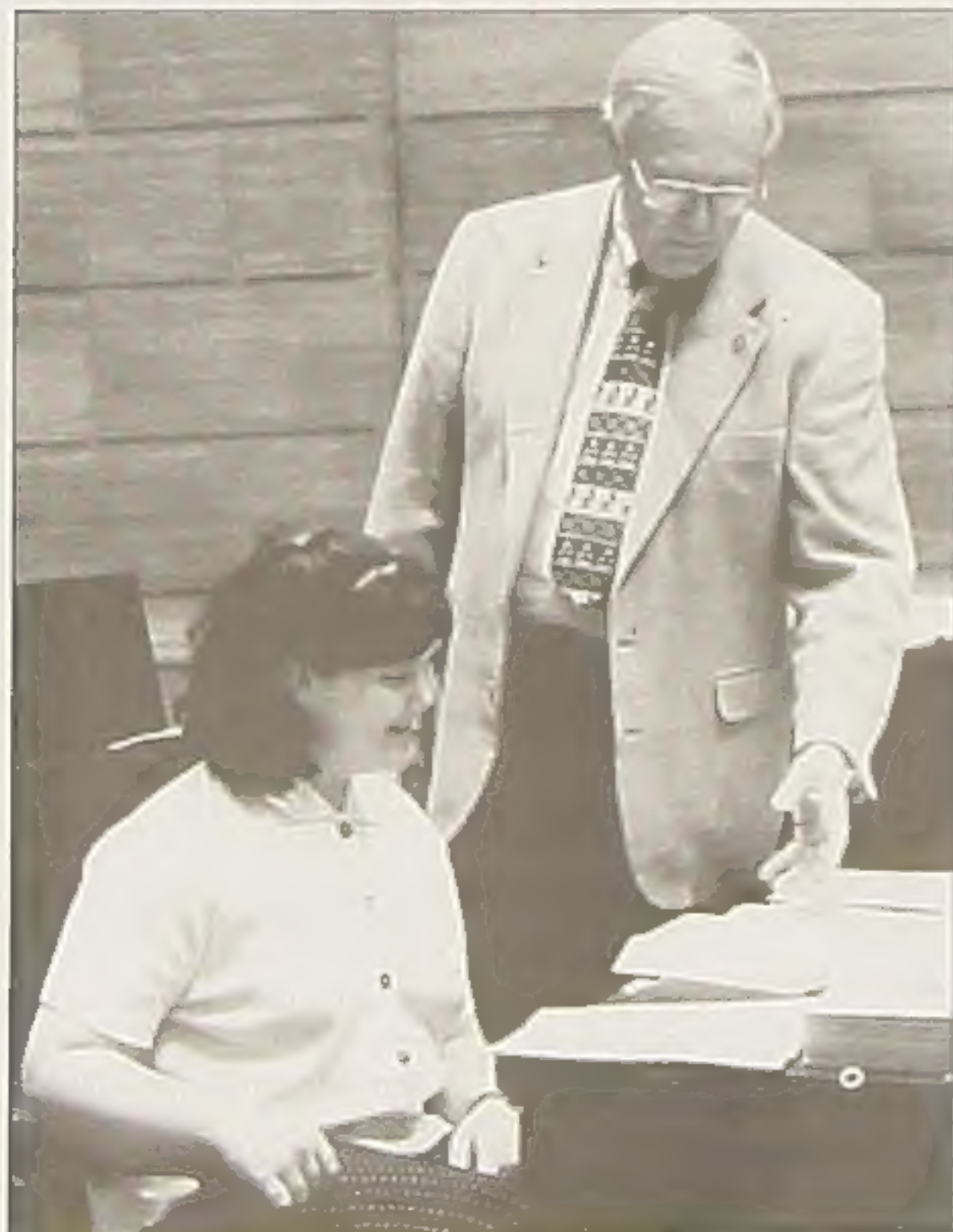
Governor dedicates week to crime victims

Gov. Mel Carnahan on Monday praised the ongoing efforts of victim rights service providers and victims of crime during the 16th annual observance of National Crime Victim's Rights Week.

Carnahan proclaimed April 13-19, 1997, as Victims' Rights Week and rang the bell for Victims' Rights Across Missouri during a statewide celebration at the Capitol.

"While Missouri has amended the state constitution to include crime victims, we must continue to move forward in our efforts to aid victims of crime and help Missourians in every county understand the importance of supporting victims' rights and services," Carnahan said. □

WOMEN LEGISLATORS



TAMMY SPICER/The Chart

At his desk in the Senate chamber Sen. Marvin Singleton (R-Seneca) shows his 'adopted' daughter, Elizabeth Hailey, an eighth-grader from Neosho Junior High School, some of the daily duties for legislators.

Singleton 'adopts' daughter for a day

By TAMMY SPICER
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. —

Young girls were bustling over the Capitol Tuesday. It was the annual "Take Your Daughters to Work" day, marking the fifth time House and Senate members have participated in the nationwide program.

"I think it is a good idea to interest young people in government," said Sen. Marvin Singleton (R-Seneca), who sponsored a Neosho girl as his "daughter." "This particular program is sponsored by the Women Legislators of Missouri and it provides an opportunity for young women to see what is happening in state government. It is a program I would not only do for girls, but for young people."

The program was originated in 1993 by the Ms. Foundation for Women to give young women across the country an opportunity to observe the career possibilities available to them. The special day at the Capitol is sponsored by the Women Legislators of Missouri to encourage young women to run for public office or enter the field of public service in some capacity.

"*We just wanted to expose more youngsters at home to the advantages of public service.***"**

Sen. Marvin Singleton
R-Seneca

Legislators can bring their own daughters or they can "adopt" them from their district.

"I learned a lot about government in my civics class," said Elizabeth Hailey, an eighth-grader at Neosho Junior High School and Singleton's "daughter" for the day. "I thought this would be fun."

The day's events included a tour of the Capitol, a special luncheon, photo sessions with the legislators and their "daughters" and a tea hosted by first lady Jean Carnahan at the Governor's Mansion. The group of young women also heard speeches by the president of the Women Legislators of Missouri, Rep. Deleta Williams (D-Warrensburg), Secretary of State

Bekki Cook, and Karen Jennings, president of Missouri Southwestern Bell.

Also, five \$500 scholarships were awarded to young women who are high school seniors from across the state.

"This day gives legislators a unique opportunity to share our workplace with younger people," said Rep. Dana Murray (D-Jennings), chair of the event. "Their experience at the Capitol might introduce them to a career they would never have considered before."

"We just wanted to expose more youngsters at home to the advantages of public service," Singleton said. □

Sports SCOPE

And now we will hear from the other side

Yes, I am an athlete, and yes, I got to enroll early. Is this fair? Yes.

Now I know that there have been some strong arguments made against this move by the College to help student-athletes (some of the strongest have been made by this paper). I, for one,



Jason Owen
Sports Editor

think it is about time a little positive light is shed on this controversial move by Missouri Southern. First off, we are not all a bunch of spoiled, whining brats

who are just trying to suck as much out of this college as we can. I have heard this, or some other form of this statement, from more than one source. In fact, this could not be further from the truth.

I realize that it is easy as a regular student to say, "Hey, I have a job and I go to school. My life is no less busy than someone going to school and playing a sport, and besides they chose to play."

Well, I might concede the fact that someone who goes to school and has a job is as busy as someone who is a student-athlete, if that person simply goes to school and participates in sports. However, at this college, that is often not the case.

Many athletes are forced to also take on a job outside of school to pay tuition. At Missouri Southern, as is the case at most other NCAA Division II schools, full rides are few and far between, and the days of athletes receiving cushy jobs from school boosters have gone by the wayside.

So what is an athlete supposed to do? Not only do they have to work their schedule around whatever job they might have, but they also have to work around practice schedules that vary from day to day.

Now as to whether we "chose" to play — well, I guess we did. There are some athletes with the luxury to take sports or leave them, but for many athletes sports means a college education. In fact, for many it is the only chance for a college education.

Without sports, many people who graduate and go on to contribute to society, might never get more than a high school diploma. They don't have the money or the access that others might have, and so for them college athletics are not a choice. They are the only answer.

Now, I know there are many other campus groups that could probably make a good argument for early enrollment. And I also know that there are a few bad apples who make athletes easy targets and might make us all seem to fit into the stereotypical role that society seems to have of athletes.

What everybody needs to realize is that student-athletes are more than just dumb jocks and that we really are here for more than just our chosen sport. We are here to get an education, and the administration simply saw a need and fulfilled it.

Many athletes did not "choose" to participate in athletics, and very few of us are able to make it simply on our scholarships. We don't want more than our fair share, but we do appreciate a little help. □

Jason Owen
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SOFTBALL



JOHN SMITH/The Chan

Lady Lions' freshman first baseman Leslie Hale stretches to make a catch in the first game of a twinbill. Hale's last inning triple gave Missouri Southern a 7-6 win. The Lady Lions also won the second game 8-3.

Freshman's play fuels Lady Lions

Southern sweeps Northeastern State in doubleheader

By JASON OWEN
SPORTS EDITOR

Lea Kungle Field saw the Lady Lions pick up two confidence-boosting victories Wednesday, as they downed Northeastern State University 7-6 and 8-2.

"It's about time we started playing like this," said freshman first baseman Kelley Hale. "We started really having fun out here today; this is what it is all about."

Hale, who had a key triple in the seventh inning of the first game that fueled the come-from-behind victory, said these wins should carry over into this weekend's play.

"If we can keep playing like we did today, we should really be in good shape," she said.

Head coach Pat Lipira said she also thought these wins would be a boost as Southern (14-10 overall, 4-4 in the MIAA) heads into play this weekend.

"We go to Shawnee [Kan.] this weekend to play the northern part of our conference schedule," she said. "We will be playing six games over two days, and that is going to be tough. This win

should really help to get us going into this weekend.

"Northeastern is a really good team, and for us to come out and play like we did today really makes me feel good. We haven't swept anybody in a doubleheader in a while, and that, above all else, is really going to give us some confidence."

Senior pitcher Jane Roberts, who pitched a strong second game leading to Southern's 8-2 victory, said she felt good about where her team was heading.

"I was mentioning to Holly [Trantham] just today that this year's team was finally beginning to feel like last year's team," she said. "We are really coming together as a team, and we are finally starting to have fun."

Junior second baseman Jennifer Jimerson said Wednesday's wins were exactly what the team needed.

"It is about time we started playing like this," she said. "We have had the ability to play like this all year; it has just been a matter of keeping our intensity up. We did that today."

"When we got down we never felt like we couldn't come back, and when we got up we just kept pouring it on them."

"Even when we were up by six in the top of the seventh inning, I was still out there yelling to keep the intensity up, and we did." □

GOLF

Loss of seniors may hurt team

By JOE ECKHOFF
STAFF WRITER

Lion golfers finished second at the conference tournament last year, and this year's team knows duplicating that feat may be more difficult.

"We're hoping to do well again, but it just depends on the course and how our players perform," said coach Larry Clay.

He will be counting on the performances of senior captain Chris Mitchell and last year's conference champion, Jason Mickey, to lead the team.

"Jason's our best player, and he's very consistent," Clay said.

The Lions finished sixth in the first two tournaments of the season, and Clay said there is room for improvement. "I'm pleased with our performances so far, but we are not playing up to our capabilities," he said.

Missouri Southern is not blessed with the senior leadership that last year's team had. On paper, it may seem like a rebuilding year, but the Lions are not going to roll over for anybody.

With the loss of four of the team's top five seniors, Clay was unsure who would step up as his main players.

"I'm pretty pleased with the guys we brought in, and the returning players from last year, especially Andy Anderson and Brian Smith," he said.

Smith, a red-shirt freshman, has made every trip this year.

At the first tournament, Anderson surprised everyone when he and Mickey tied for the team's best score. Clay said Anderson's play hasn't been consistent, but believes it's due to his participation in both golf and football.

Both sports intertwine during the spring and fall seasons, and Clay knows that it is difficult for an athlete to jump out of one sport into another.

"It would be better if he would choose one sport to stick with," Clay said. "He would be more help to football, and us, if he would choose." □

BASEBALL



Senior Southern relief pitcher Travis McGruder sends one over the plate in action against Pittsburg State University Sunday. McGruder ranks fifth in the conference in saves with three.

JOHN SMITH/The Chan

Washburn sweeps Southern Wednesday

The Missouri Southern baseball Lions dropped two straight games Wednesday night at Washburn University in Topeka.

Southern (12-10 in the MIAA, 25-21 overall) fell 8-3 and 6-5 to the Ichabods (10-8, 22-19).

The Lions scored two runs in the first inning off of three hits. The Ichabods bounced back scoring two runs in their half of the inning and two more in the third. Washburn's third-inning runs came off of back-to-back triples.

The Lions added another run off two hits in the fourth inning.

Washburn, hanging on in a 4-3 heading into the bottom of the fourth, added

three runs in the bottom half of the inning and one run in the sixth to secure the victory.

In the nightcap, Washburn struck first scoring one run off of a double and a wild pitch from Lions' sophomore starting pitcher Chris Rafflen.

Southern answered with three hits and three runs in the fourth giving the Lions a 3-1 edge after four innings.

Washburn pulled to within one in the fifth at 3-2 when the Ichabods' scored off of an error.

The Lions pulled ahead in their next at-bat when junior center fielder Stephen Crane scored on senior Brandon Eggleston's sacrifice fly.

But the Ichabods wouldn't die, scoring two runs in the bottom of the seventh to send the game into extra innings.

After the Lions' Nick Dobbs gave Southern an early advantage after scoring on a fielder's choice in the top of the eighth, Washburn came back in the bottom half of the inning to take the victory.

Washburn's Lance Mowry singled in the winning run after a Ichabod homer tied the game two batters earlier.

In earlier action this week, the Lions dropped two-of-three game against the Pittsburg State Gorillas at Joe Becker Stadium Saturday and Sunday. □

Southern Scoreboard

The numbers and facts every Lion fan should know.

Lion Baseball

MIAA	Standings
	Through April 16
	(conf, overall)

1. Central Missouri	12-2, 21-9
2. Pittsburg State	15-4, 34-11
3. Emporia State	12-5, 22-10
4. Missouri Southern	12-6, 25-19
5. Washburn	8-8, 20-19
6. Missouri-Rolla	9-12, 12-14
7. Missouri Western	6-9, 16-15
8. Southwest Baptist	6-10, 16-14
9. Northwest Missouri	5-10, 13-18
10. Lincoln	5-12, 11-20
11. Truman State	2-12, 7-24

Southern Stats

Batting Average
1. Esposito, Daniel, Sr., PSU - .489
2. Contreras, Oscar, Jr., ESU - .469
3. Goodwin, Dave, Jr., CMSU - .443
4. Shorter, Brad, Jr., PSU - .417
Runs Batted In
1. Barlet, Jeremy, Jr., ESU - 42
2. Esposito, Daniel, Sr., PSU - 61
3. Contreras, Oscar Jr., ESU - 37
4. Myers, Matt, Sr., PSU - 31
Earned Run Average
1. Clark, Eric, So., CMSU - 2.55
2. Bybec, Mark, Jr., SBU - 2.86
3. Cronk, Daryl, So., PSU - 3.05

Lady Lion Softball

MIAA	Standings
	Through April 16
	(conf, overall)

1. Central Missouri	7-1, 19-7
2. Pittsburg State	7-1, 19-10
3. Southwest Baptist	5-3, 19-9
4. Missouri-Rolla	4-4, 26-12
5. Missouri Southern	4-4, 12-10
6. Northwest Missouri	4-4, 15-13
7. Emporia State	3-3, 13-10
8. Washburn	3-3, 18-15
9. Missouri Western	2-4, 20-12
10. Truman State	3-7, 16-12
11. Lincoln	0-8, 4-26

Southern Stats

Batting Average
1. Graham, Shelly, Fr., PSU - .566
2. Gunn, Shannon, Fr., MWSC - .471
3. Sullivan, Megan Fr., TSU - .459
4. Alt, Becca, Jr., UMR - .441
Runs Batted In
1. Temple, Allison, So., ESU - 30
2. Atkins, Stacey, Jr., SBU - 27
3. Urquhart, Amanda, Fr., NWMSU - 24
4. Holthaus, Heather, So., ESU - 21
Earned Run Average
1. Trantham, Holly, Jr., MSSC - .58
2. Berg Mendee, Sr., CMSU - .90
3. Teri Mathis, So., MSSC - 1.45

This Week

- Thursday —
- Truck and Field at Kansas Relays, TBA
- Friday —
- Softball Lady Lions at MIAA Weekend II, Lawrence Kan., TBA
- Tennis Lady Lions at Brookline (Kan.) 3 p.m.
- Saturday —
- Tennis Lady Lions at William Jewell (Mo.) 9 a.m.
- Softball Lady Lions at MIAA Weekend II, Lawrence Kan., TBA
- Monday —
- Golf at Lincoln University Invitational, TBA



Former Lion standouts James Thrash (left), wide receiver, and Richard Jordan, defensive end, await the NFL draft, held Saturday and Sunday. The second cousins will be traveling to their respective homes in Oklahoma to watch the draft which will be shown on ESPN.

Inspiration gives Jordan motivation to fulfill dream

By NICK PARKER
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Behind every success story is some kind of inspiration. Always one or two things driving someone to fulfill a dream.

For Richard Jordan, former Lion defensive end, much of his motivation comes from his faith. Jordan said his strong beliefs began in childhood.

"I thank God that I'm gifted and have the talent that he gave me," he said. "I was raised in a church and it was always with me. I know that without God I wouldn't have any kind of talent or any kind of ability."

Jordan said he appreciates players who are proud of their religious faith and act as positive role models both on and off the field. He said he plans to be one of those players.

"Anybody can be a bad guy," he said, "but it takes a real man to be out in front of people and be proud of what they worship."

Lion head football coach Jon Lantz said Jordan's attitude, character, and physical attributes would make him a quality addition to any professional football team.

"He is a young man who really understands the game," Lantz said. "He is a great role model. Rich is a kid who has started 40 football games for us and never been in trouble off the football field, ever."

Another source of inspiration for Jordan was the birth of his son, Jamin Cole, in June 1995. He said having a child helped him refocus not only his life but his game as well.

"When my son was born, that just gave me a boost," Jordan said. "I want my son to look up to me as role model doing good both on the field and off the field. God and my son are my biggest inspirations."

Jordan's inspirations helped lead him to the Snow Bowl, an all-star game in January for graduating

NFL bound?

The Chart takes a look at a pair of Missouri Southern football players hoping to make it in the NFL.

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seniors in NCAA Division II. He was named the most valuable defensive player for the game.

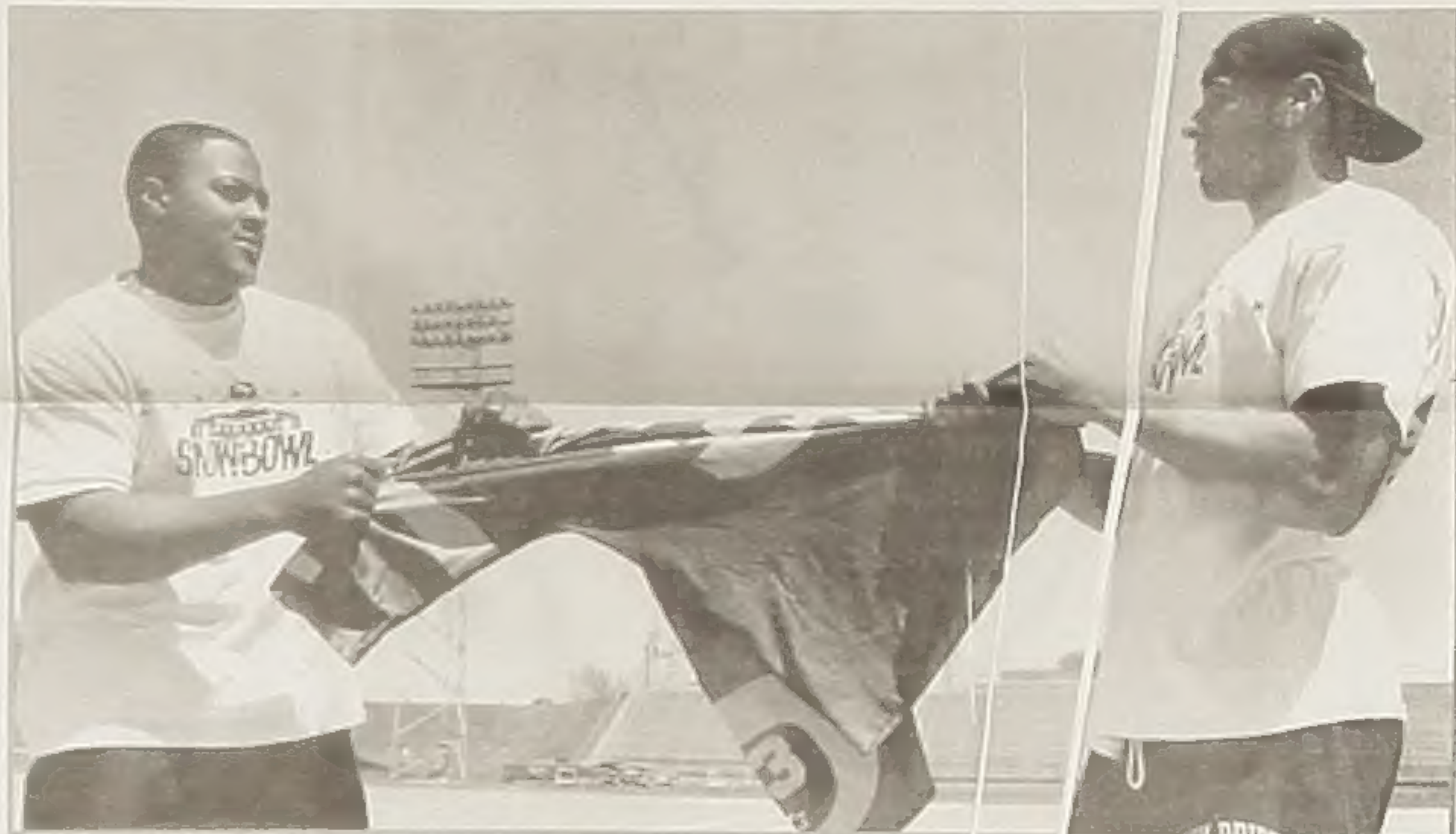
He said his dedication to the sport as well as his faith have helped him get one step closer to fulfilling his childhood dream of playing professional sports.

"Little kids playing ball in backyard, everybody's a running back like Walter Payton, Emmitt Smith, or Barry Sanders. On defense, you're [Brian] Bosworth, or Junior Seau; it's the dream of every little kid to play professionally," Jordan said. "From baseball to basketball to football, it's been a goal of mine since Pop Warner. I worked hard; it's been on my mind forever to make the NFL."

Lantz said Jordan's ability to move quickly with his size is a plus. The Lion head coach compared this ability to that of some accomplished NFL players, such as NFL defensive great Reggie White of the Green Bay Packers.

"There are a lot of big guys, and there are a lot of guys that can run, but there are not many big guys that can run," Lantz said.

Lantz said players like Jordan, Thrash, Rod Smith, and Jared Knaiohelo have helped to bring the attention of professional football



Richard Jordan (left) and James Thrash hope to be holding not only a jersey, but also a professional contract at the close of the NFL draft.

scouts to Missouri Southern. Smith is a Denver Bronco wide receiver and Knaiohelo is a running back for the Scottish Claymores of the World League of American Football.

Jordan said when scouts first started approaching he and Thrash, they acted as if they wanted to keep it quiet, telling them if they did it would be easier for them to make the draft. At one point in the history of the NFL, secrets were easy to keep. Every team was looking for the big find, the one great player who no one else had heard of.

Today, many teams use what is called a combine scout, working for

several teams before giving preliminary reports on players who could be potential prospects for the professional level. After the initial report, individual teams send scouts to watch and grade players on their ability.

The Lions have seen several scouts enter their den in recent months, including Dave Razzano, Midwest area scout for the St. Louis Rams.

Razzano said they depend highly on word of mouth reports, which makes it difficult to get surprise finds.

After looking at the players themselves and then possibly sending

position coaches to the schools as well, Razzano said he and other scouts decide whether to put the player on their team's draft board, a list of players the team is interested in signing.

Razzano said it is difficult for NCAA Division II players to make it is list because there are so many productive players with potential available and many Division I players go it into the late rounds or free agency this way.

"We are looking at guys that have the height, size, speed, and physical qualities that have to be there to be a dominant player," Razzano said.

"Jordan I can see getting drafted; he has the size and the ability to explode. I have him listed as a priority free agent, meaning we won't draft him, but we'll see if he is still around after the draft. I think he could go in the fifth or sixth round."

As for Southern wide receiver James Thrash, the scout believes there's a chance he could also be making plays in the NFL next season.

"Thrash is a big, strong guy; the potential is there because of his size," Razzano said. "He could go as a free agent; he will compete in camp. He has the potential to make a team." □

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